



WORKING HARD UNTIL HE COMES

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“The world’s relationship with work is unhealthy.” HEWLETT PACKARD, WORK RELATIONSHIP INDEX, 2023

A Brief Theology of Work

1. W-O-R-K is not a _____.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. GENESIS 2:15

“My Father is always working, and so am I.” JOHN 5:17 NLT

2. _____ is the parent of _____.

“Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.” 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6 ESV

3. The reward of work is _____.

Work with your hands ... so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12 ESV

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in

idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10-12

Until He Comes ...

1. Set a _____ for others.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. 2 THESS 3:7-9

2. _____ people who are not willing to work.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:13-15 ESV

3. Engage in the Lord's _____.

“Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’” LUKE 19:13 ESV

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16-18