

Money Matters

Biblical Truth for Today



#3 Gain All You Can

Notes _____

◆ God gives us the ability to work

¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it." (*Gen 2:15*)

¹⁸ Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful." (*Deut 8:18*)

◆ We work hard because Jesus is Lord

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ." (*Col 3:23-24*)..see also *Eph 6:7*

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. ¹² Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others." (*1 Thes 4:11-12*)

⁶ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who

live idle lives and don't follow the tradition they received from us. ⁷ For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. ⁸ We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it. We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. ¹⁰ Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." ¹¹ Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. ¹² We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living." (*2 Thes 3:6-12*)

◆ A wise person plans ahead

⁶ Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! ⁷ Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, ⁸ they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter." (*Prov 6:6-8*)

◆ We guard against greed, overwork and hoarding

¹⁵ Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." (*Luke 12:15*)

Greed causes fighting; trusting the Lord leads to prosperity. *Pr28:25*

◆ We take time for Sabbath rest

¹² "You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working." (*Exod 23:12*)

Follow Up: _____

Questions for Discussion / Further Study:

- How would you describe your work ethic? Are you a hard worker? Do you struggle with a lack of motivation to work? Do you work too hard? What is a healthy balance?
- Are you using your God given strengths & abilities in a way that brings gain to yourself or to further God's Kingdom?

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