

# A New Work Ethic

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." Colossians 3:23 (English Standard Version)

Revelation 21:5 - \_\_\_\_\_ wants to make our work ethic \_\_\_\_\_.

## We Work To Provide For Our Own And Our Family's Needs

A. Many don't have this view of work:

1. Proverbs 24:30-34 - \_\_\_\_\_ will come upon the \_\_\_\_\_, who chooses not to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. John 12:6 - Some use \_\_\_\_\_ and / or \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain what they need and want.
3. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 - If one is not \_\_\_\_\_ to work, then he should not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 1 Timothy 5:8 - One who doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ is worse than an \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Work is a means to provide for our own and our family's needs:

1. 1 Timothy 5:16 - A \_\_\_\_\_ woman should care for any \_\_\_\_\_ who are widows.
2. 1 Thessalonians 2:9 - Paul worked \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so he would not be a \_\_\_\_\_ on these Christians.
3. Acts 20:33,34 - Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ ministered to his \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Genesis 2:15 - \_\_\_\_\_ was put in the garden to \_\_\_\_\_ it and to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## We Work To Provide For The Needs Of Those Who Can't Work

A. John 12:6 - Judas' deeper problem: He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ about the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Working not just for our own needs:

1. Acts 20:33-35 - We work \_\_\_\_\_ so we can help the \_\_\_\_\_, just as \_\_\_\_\_ teaches us.
2. Ephesians 4:28 - The ideal: Do \_\_\_\_\_ work so we will have something to \_\_\_\_\_ with those in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Proverbs 19:17 - Being \_\_\_\_\_ to the poor is like \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord: We will be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Proverbs 22:9 - The \_\_\_\_\_ eye will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 3:22,23 - We work as if for the \_\_\_\_\_, not for \_\_\_\_\_.

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