



WISDOM'S WAY – PART 4

THE WAY OF WORK

PROVERBS 12:14

CREATED FOR WORK

GENESIS 2:15

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of **Eden to work it and take care of it.**

Work is not a curse. It's deeply connected with our purpose for being and our image-bearing identity.

RE-CREATED FOR WORK

EPHESIANS 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works,** which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Redeeming work is part of God's saving grace in redeeming us as his people.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, **as working for the Lord...**

Our salvation in Christ gives us a God-glorifying mandate for our labors.

PHILIPPIANS 1:12B-13

^{12b} ...Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ **for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

Our redeemed work is actually God's work as he transforms us to fulfill HIS good purposes.

WISDOM FOR WORK

PROVERBS 16:26

²⁶ **The appetite of laborers works for them;** their hunger drives them on.

PROVERBS 12:14

¹⁴ From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and **the work of their hands brings them reward.**

Good work results in good things for a good life.

PROVERBS 12:11

¹¹ Those who work their land will have abundant food, but **those who chase fantasies have no sense.**

PROVERBS 28:19

¹⁹ ...but **those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12

¹¹ ...Make it your ambition to **lead a quiet life:** You should mind your own business and **work with your hands,** just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may **win the respect of outsiders** and so that you will **not be dependent on anybody.**

If we are wise, we will seek to find and do honest, useful, and sensible work.

PROVERBS 21:25-26

²⁵ **The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.**

²⁶ All day long he craves for more, but **the righteous give without sparing.**

EPHESIANS 4:28

²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, **doing something useful with their own hands,** that they may have something to share with those in need.

If we are wise, our work will be for more than our own personal wants and needs.

PROVERBS 12:23

²³ All hard work brings a profit, but **mere talk leads only to poverty.**

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PROVERBS 18:9

⁹ One who is **slack in his work** is brother to one who **destroys**.

PROVERBS 22:29

²⁹ **Do you see someone skilled in their work?**

They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

If we are wise, we will pursue excellence in our work with more than words or just getting by.

PROVERBS 24:27

²⁷ **Put your outdoor work in order** and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

PROVERBS 31:16-18

¹⁶ **She considers a field and buys it;** out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷ She **sets about her work vigorously;** her arms are strong for her tasks.

¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

If we are wise, we will work smartly (priorities), creatively (consider), and vigorously (with energy).