

# Serving the Lord at Work

Colossians 3:23 – Do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.

Luke 22:24-27 – servant of all

Proverbs 4:23 – Watch over your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the springs of life.

## 1. Why do we work?

Ephesians 4:28 – He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his hands what is good so that he will have something to share with one who has a need.

## 2. Qualities that make a good worker, aka testimony of a good Christian

Proverbs 10:4,5 – DON'T be negligent

DO be diligent

DO work in its proper time

DON'T be sleeping when you should be working!

Proverbs 10:17 – DO listen to instruction

DON'T get mad when you're instructed or corrected

Proverbs 12:1 – DO love discipline

DON'T hate reproof or correction – or you're stupid!

Proverbs 12:11 – DO pursue things that benefit or edify

DON'T chase after worthless things

Proverbs 12:14 – DO expect blessing if you are doing right in speech and actions

Proverbs 12:16 – DON'T be foolish by getting angry quickly

DO emphasize the good rather than the dishonorable

Proverbs 23:23 – DO be ready to learn, be willing to be taught

## 3. Benefits of work and fruits of laziness

Proverbs 13:4 – The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the soul of the diligent is made fat.

Proverbs 13:18 – Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored.

Proverbs 19:15 – Laziness casts into a deep sleep and an idle man will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 28:19 – He who tills his land will have plenty of food, but he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.