

Money: Work

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Our Series: Money

- **Our topics so far**

- Money is meant to be a blessing, but can be dangerous
- Everything we have belongs to God
- Our budget is one of the clearest indicators on how we are currently doing in our Faith

- **Money says ... but God says ...**



Today's Focus

- **Work**
 - Everybody works, though in different ways



Reality

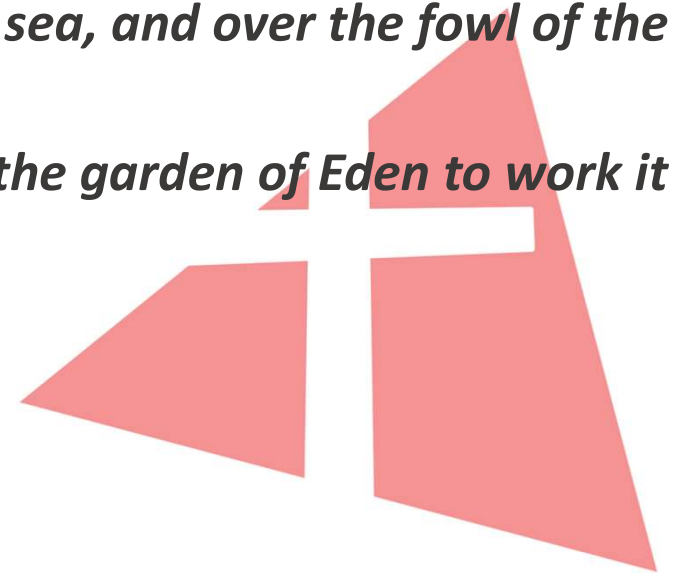
- **Most people hate their work**



Work was meant to be joyful

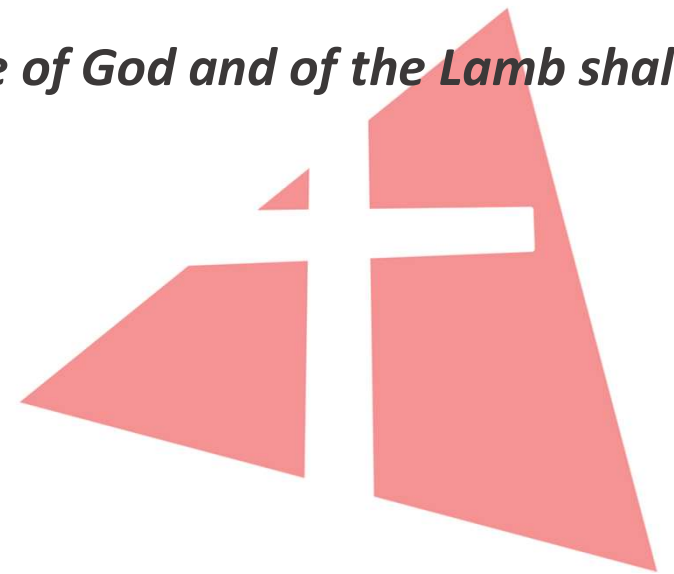
Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it.



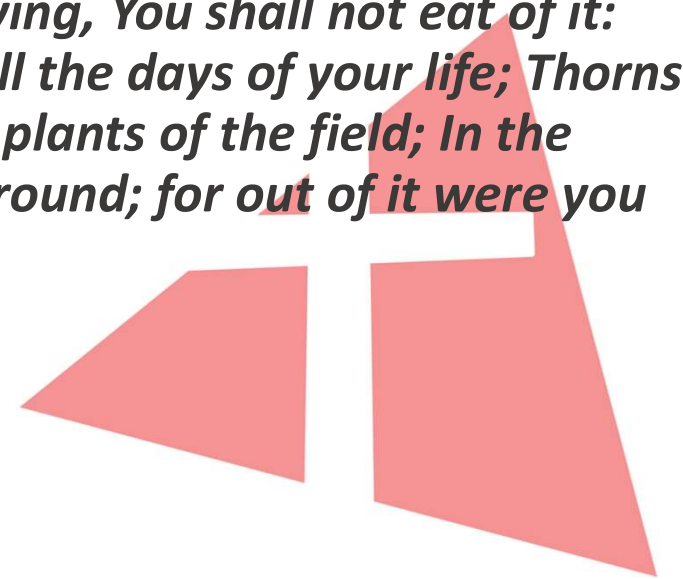
Work in Heaven

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:



After the Fall

Genesis 3:17-19 And unto Adam he said, Because you have listened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shall you return.

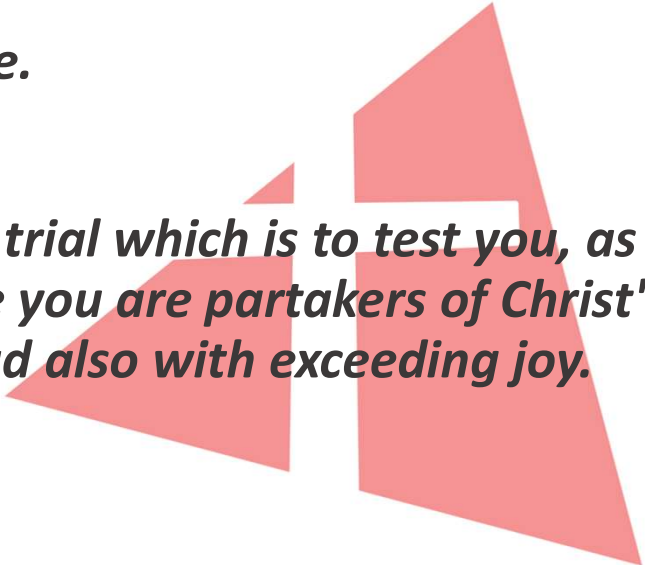


The Restoration in Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, since you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.



The Application

- **Work can be joyful and fulfilling again**
- **But: We have to follow God's principles concerning work**



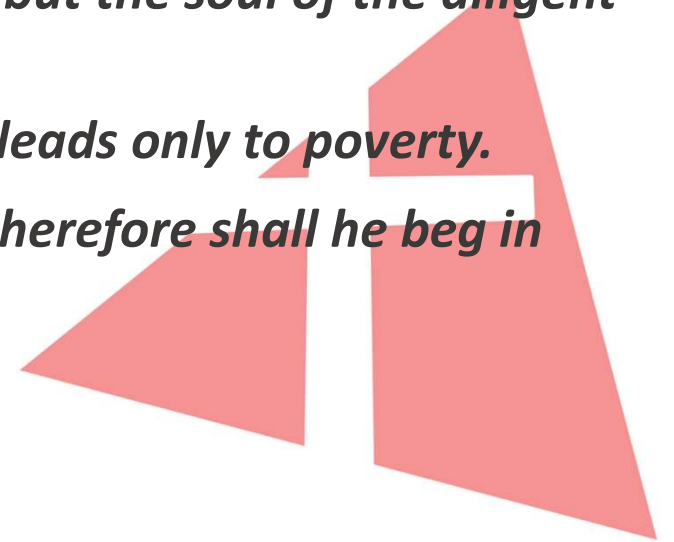
The Bible

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Proverbs 14:23 In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.



General Priorities

- Our relationship with God
- Our spouse
- Our children
- Work
- Everything else (incl. church work)

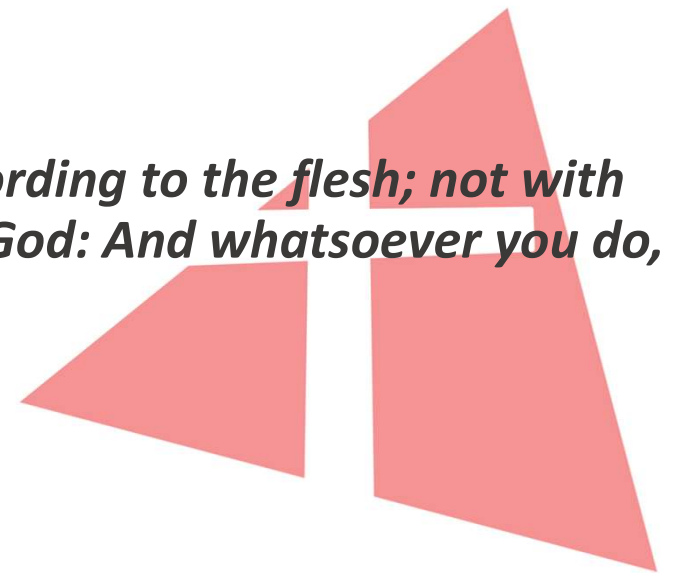
1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)



Who are we working for?

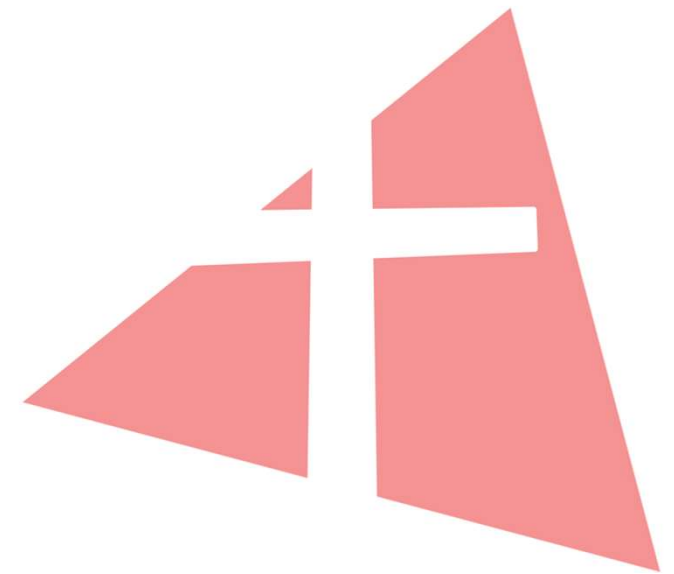
- **?** We are working for God, not people
 - God sees our hearts, attitudes, motives, priorities, etc.
 - We can't sin at work

Colossians 3:22-23 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;



Our Aim

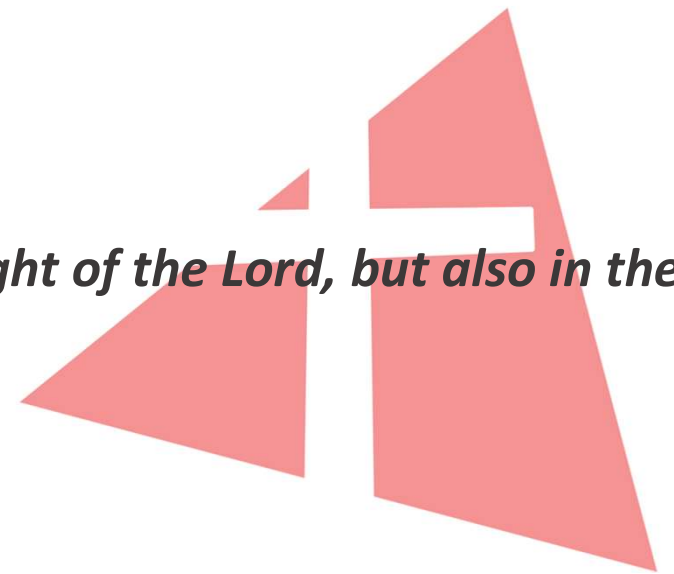
- **One aim should be to contribute to whoever we are working for**
 - Produce something positive
 - Help someone else's life
 - ...
- **What is the result of our work?**



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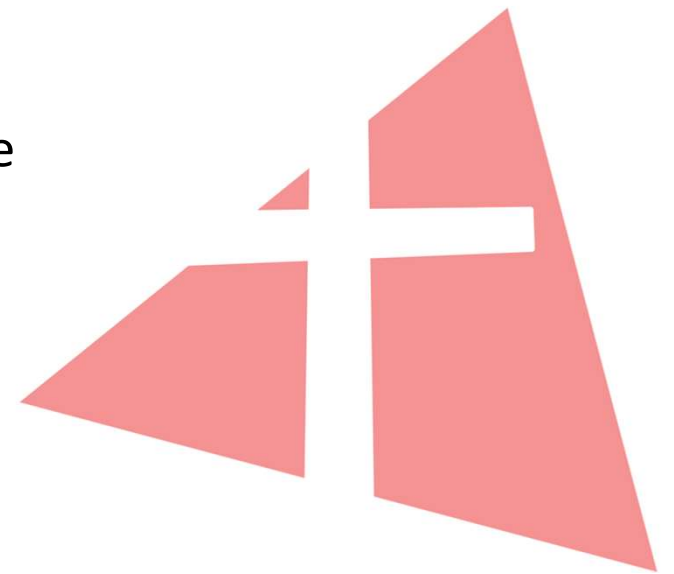
- **Be obedient**
 - God
 - Our earthly superiors
- **Work with integrity**

2 Corinthians 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.



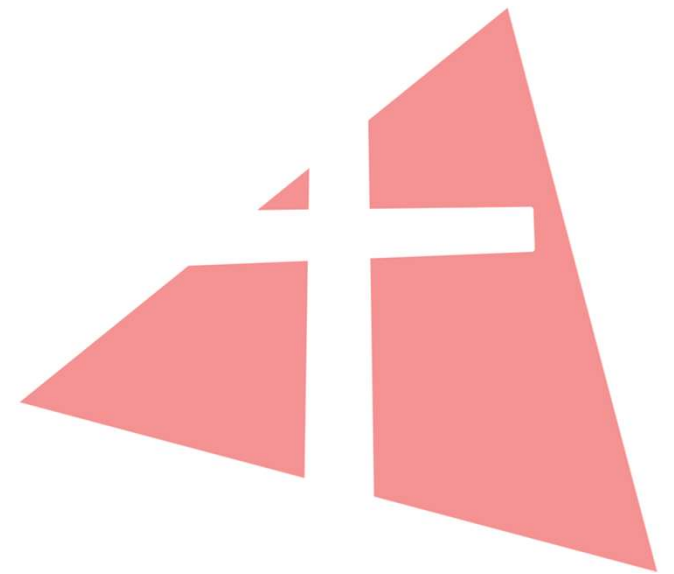
Be an Example

- **Do people in our workplace notice a difference in us?**
- **The workplace is a place we can truly shine**
 - Many people separate their work life from their Christian life
 - Work is the place we should be closest to God



Be an Example

- **Take God to work**

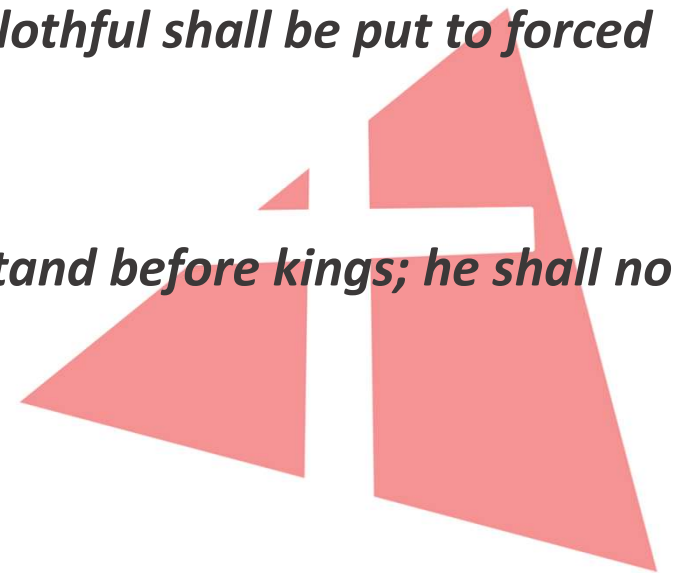


God's Promises

- God promises to bless those who work His way

Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 22:29 See you a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure men.



To Parents

- **We need to teach our children to work in God's Way**
- **But we also need to allow them to "just be children"**



In Conclusion

- **Work is a blessing from God**
 - We just have to take God with us to work

