

– WORK – How do you value it?



Consider Your Work:

The VALUE placed upon LABOR is a key element in a society because it reflects the social structure as well as the scale of social values. One's society, even globally, is in a state of change making for difficulties. Thus it is needful to maintain a good attitude toward work and toil which affects not only society but one's own soul.

It is God's MERCY and GRACE which sets the right conditions – "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground" (*Genesis 3:19*) – lest IDLENESS should be the ruin of one's soul and body. IDLENESS was not made for man, nor man for IDLENESS.

"The desire of the slothful (lazy man) killeth him, for his hands REFUSE to LABOR." *Proverbs 21:25*

"She (the godly woman) watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of IDLENESS." *Proverbs 31:27*

"We commanded you that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." *2 Thessalonians 3:10-11*

"Blessed is everyone that FEARS THE LORD; that walks in His ways. For thou shalt eat the LABOR of thine hands: HAPPY SHALT THOU BE, and it shall be WELL with thee." *Psalms 128:1-2*

"The sleep of a LABORING MAN is SWEET, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep." *Ecclesiastes 5:12*

The right attitude and action to do your best is very commendable. But our best cannot make possible THE BEST which is necessary.

Consider God's Work:

Salvation, even eternal life, is not earned by the good works and diligent labors of men: "NOT BY WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to HIS MERCY He saved us." *Titus 3:5*

The Lord Jesus said, "I have glorified Thee (God the Father) on the earth. I have FINISHED THE WORK which Thou hast given Me to do." *John 17:4*

A person cannot work his way to heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ made possible your SALVATION once and for all on the cross, and when He had finished paying the full debt of your sins He cried out, "IT IS FINISHED!" *John 19:30*

"By grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, NOT OF WORKS lest any man should boast." *Eph. 2:8-9*

"But to him that WORKETH NOT, but BELIEVETH on HIM that justifieth the ungodly, HIS FAITH is counted for righteousness." *Romans 4:5*

Salvation is not based on what I might do; it is based on what Christ has ALREADY DONE! Salvation is not earned by WORKING; but it is gained by RECEIVING AND RESTING on the work of Another. Resting, relying on the Work of Christ makes for eternal safety and a good outworking in the believer's life. "But as many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that BELIEVE on His Name." *John 1:12-13*

"He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." (*1 John 5:12-13*). Are you resting your soul on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ and His saving work? Are you relying upon His sure Word?

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