

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. Our society, even our world, is in a state of rapid change making for difficulties. The present conditions limit what would be a healthier business and work related environment. Burdensome regulations, mandates, the government's involvement, etc.—such results in restricting one's ability to operate a stable and profitable business and workplace. The solution is not to advance toward the socialism of Europe, which has not had good results, but to go back to a government supported by our unique historic Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Thus it is needful to **maintain a good attitude toward work and toil** which affects not only society but one's own soul. We benefit when we understand. Our ATTITUDE governs our failures and successes, our conditions and circumstances. We are limited in fixing many things, even the direction our country is being moved to. But **we are in charge of our ATTITUDE** as we live day to day. The right ATTITUDE and action to do our best is very commendable. But OUR best **falls short of THE best**.

God's mercy and grace are to be found. "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved sleep" (Psalm 127:1-2).

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

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). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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). "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4).

"For 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" (Ephesians 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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