

Wise Work: (Proverbs 10:4,5; 12:10-11; 13:4; 18:19; 21:5; 22:29)

1) How do you view work?

- How happy are you with your work?

- Are there certain jobs you think are more important to God?

- Is real work only tasks we get paid to do?

2) A Definition of Work: Work is any _____ and meaningful task that God _____ and gifts a person to do and which honor Him and _____ others.

3) Work is _____ part of life.

4) Work is designed to be _____.

- a) We are _____ to work!

- b) God is a _____ and we are created in his image. We are called to bring order and renewal to the creation

- c) Work is not a _____ of sin, but sin is the cause of all of our work _____.

How does thing challenge your view of work?

5) Wise work uses the unique _____ and _____ that God has given you!

- a) What unique talents or gifts has God given you? How do you use them in your work?

b) Warning: Only focusing on gifts can sometimes lead you astray.

6) Wise work _____ others!

- How happy are you with your work?

7) How our faith _____ our work!

- a) When work get's hard we remember that Christ's work caused him _____ too!

- b) Jesus is our _____ boss.

Quotes To Ponder:

Work is as much a basic human need as food, beauty, rest, friendship, prayer, and sexuality; it is not simply medicine but food for our soul. Without meaningful work we sense significant inner loss and emptiness. People who are cut off from work because of physical or other reasons quickly discover how much they need work to thrive emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Tim Keller, Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work

According to the Bible, we don't merely need the money from work to survive; we need the work itself to survive and live fully human lives
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"It is perfectly clear that God's good plan always included human beings working, or, more specifically, living in the constant cycle of work and rest." *Ben Witherington, Work: A Kingdom Perspective on Labor*

Recommended Books:

- Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work -Tim Keller
- Work Matters By Tom Nelson
- Work: A Kingdom Perspective on Labor -Ben Witherington