



Proverbs

Working on our Work Ethic

- I. God is _____ by our hard work.
(Genesis 1:1-2:3; Matthew 14:1-18, I Corinthians 10:31)
- II. God honors our hard _____.
(Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 12:11, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 12:24, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 14:23, Proverbs 15:19, Proverbs 22:29, Proverbs 13:23)
- III. God is honored by and _____ self-starters.
(Proverbs 6:6-8, Proverbs 30:24-27)
- IV. God is honored by and honors those who make the most of every _____.
(Proverbs 10:5, Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 28:19, Proverbs 30:24; Mark 4:24-25)
- V. God is honored by and honors Biblical _____ and _____.
(Proverbs 21:5; Luke 14:28-31); Genesis 41:34-40; Proverbs 3:5, Proverbs 16:9, Proverbs 24:27; Matthew 6:33; Haggai 1:3-11)
- VI. God is dishonored by and dishonors _____.
(Proverbs 6:9-10, Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 15:19, Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 19:24, Proverbs 20:13, Proverbs 21:25-26, Proverbs 24:30, Proverbs 26:14-15, Proverbs 10:26)
- VII. God is dishonored by and God dishonors _____.
(Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 26:13; Colossians 3:23-24)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What do you think of when you think of the word "work"?
2. What do you think of if someone asks how the Bible affects your work as a Christian?
3. Read Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 13:4 & Proverbs 22:29. What does God say about hard work?
4. Compare the above verses to Proverbs 13:23. Is poverty always a sign of laziness? Why or why not? What other factors might contribute?
5. Read Proverbs 6:6-8 and Proverbs 30:24-27. What can we learn from the ants?
6. What does Proverbs teach about taking advantage of opportunities in the right season? See Proverbs 24:27, Proverbs 10:5 & Proverbs 20:4.
7. When is it appropriate (according to Scripture) to plan? (Hint: read Proverbs 21:5, Proverbs 16:1 & 9, James 4:13-17)
8. What do Proverbs 24:27 & Matthew 6:33 teach about the importance of rightly ordering our priorities (compare also Haggai 1:3-11)?
9. What does the Bible teach about sluggards and laziness? Read Proverbs 6:9-10, Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 15:19, and Proverbs 21:25-26.
10. Proverbs says that the sluggard makes excuses (Proverbs 22:13 & Proverbs 26:13). How often do we make excuses? What would be a more biblical response?