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Program for Sunday, November 9, 2025
Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *River of Life*
Thrive

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

Announcements

Thanks for joining our Worship Service today....

- The church has an opportunity to open the green house for use by the local Boy Scouts Troop 514. They need to use it on Wednesday. As a result, we have an opportunity to do a quick survey for a better day and time for our get together for our bible study. What days and times will work best for you? What days and times will NOT work for you?
- **Please sign up to volunteer for the Christmas Tree Lot beginning Saturday, November 22nd.**

There are 5 different positions available; Customer Service, General Laborers, Delivery Drivers, Delivery Helpers and Meal Providers. Please see all the shifts available on the information table in the carport.

- Please see the sign-up sheet on the information table if you can provide desserts on Sundays. It would be good if we could alternate with different people. Thank You!!!
- Join us in supporting "Operation Christmas Child." Empty Boxes are available at the information table and need to be turned back in by November 23rd.
- If you have any prayer requests, please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at:

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Adoration: *You Are God Alone*

Selected Scripture reading

Message: *The wisdom of work*

Affirmation: *Can't Steal My Joy*

Celebration of Baptism

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Selected Scriptures:

Proverbs 6:9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?

When will you arise from your sleep?

Proverbs 10:4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the slack hand will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.

Proverbs 10:5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.

Proverbs 12:11 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who pursues worthless things lacks sense.

Proverbs 21:20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise,
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Proverbs 27:18 He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit,
And he who cares for his master will be honored.

Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work?

He will stand before kings;

He will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 24:27 Prepare your work outside
And make it ready for yourself in the field;
Afterwards, then, build your house.

Proverbs 14:4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean,
But much revenue comes by the strength of the ox.

Proverbs 27:23-27 Know well the condition of your flocks,
And pay attention to your herds;

For riches are not forever,

Nor does a crown endure to all generations.

When the grass disappears, the new growth is seen,

And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in,

The lambs will be for your clothing,

And the goats will bring the price of a field,

And there will be goats' milk enough for your food,

For the food of your household,

And sustenance for your maidens.

Genesis 2:5b there was no man to cultivate the ground.

Genesis 2:7-8 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and

breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The Lord

God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Genesis 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Colossians 3:22-24 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Friday Devotional: 2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Takeaways from “Haughty Eyes”

- What is pride?
 - Pride corrupts both perception and purpose.
 - Proud attitude: despising a neighbor. Better to be humble than with the proud.
 - Pride is on Jesus’ list of internal heart and external action sins.
- Why are we driven by pride?
 - The Lord will tear down the house of the proud.
 - Hebrew words for pride/ proud in these verses mean “Supreme Majesty.”
 - Pride in the spiritual sense, is refusal to let God be God.
 - We were made to reflect, honor, and manage God’s resources.
 - That leaves the center of the human soul empty.
 - It tries to fill that void with applause, and power.
 - Pride of life is not of the Father, but from the world.
- What are the dangers of pride?
 - Pride drives quarrels.
 - Pride precedes destruction; stumbling.
 - Because of the internal echo chamber that shuts down correction, prideful people are driven to downfall.
 - Pride is hated by God.
 - God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- What is the antidote to pride?
 - The fear of the Lord (worship!) is the instruction for wisdom, and honor comes before humility.
 - You have to get the glory that only comes to the humble.
 - That glory is from God, as a gift, not earned.
 - God rewards humility with riches, honor, and life.
- What is the full antidote to pride? Jesus Christ.
 - I cannot earn what God wants to give me through the work, and person of Jesus Christ.

The Wisdom of Work

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- Skillful persistent mastery.
- Will govern, lead (foreman, supervisor, overseer, magistrate).
- Slack hand = deceptive laziness, half-heartedness, -> servitude.
- Insatiable craving for food, wealth, pleasure, ease, comfort. Gets nothing.
- Paradox: Sluggard wants much but works little. His desires devour him.
- Laziness is self-cannibalizing. Desire without discipline is deprivation.
- Desire with diligence is delight.
- Made fat is richly satisfied, prosperous, flourishing.
- Harvesting is disciplined work to bring in the yield before it spoils, or is lost to weather, birds, or thieves.
- Sleeps: Ongoing, habitual inaction.
- Squanders God's provision.
- Consistent strenuous agriculture effort (plowing, sowing, weeding, harvesting). Legitimate vocation requires discipline.
- Plenty is not luxury, but sufficiency, with surplus for generosity.
- Pursue (chase, hunt) is active, obsessive energy misdirected.
- Worthless things: Vain, profitless schemes = get-rich-quick ventures, idle fantasies, sinful distractions. Chasing illusions wastes life and leads to poverty (material and spiritual)
- Treasure is desirable wealth. Oil is liquid capital (food, fuel, medicine, anointing, trade).
- The wise accumulate and retain surplus resources through disciplined stewardship.
- Foolish: Morally perverse, impulsive, self-destructive.
- Swallows: Devours, squanders, consumes

- The fool destroys wealth the moment it enters his hands—spending, gambling, or wasting.
- Way: life path, journey, habitual pattern. Sluggard's life feels obstructed, complications, tangled relationships, missed responsibilities.
- The verse is not promising a trouble-free life (John 16:33) but a qualitative difference in navigation. Laziness multiplies friction; righteousness reduces it.
- Guard, cultivate consistent care of a high maintenance crop that requires years to mature. Symbol of sustained effort.
- Enjoy the harvest is a reward, provision, satisfaction.
- Faithful labor yields personal benefit.
- Honored, elevated status, recognition, favor with person of authority.
- Skilled: Craft, expertise, proficiency; mastery through practice.
- Observable excellence, not mere effort.
- Gain an audience with elites, rulers, decision-makers.
- Mastery elevates. Mediocrity confines to obscurity
- 3 Step sequence:
 - Strategic planning: Agricultural labor in open fields
 - Begin with productive infrastructure – income generating assets.
 - Make it ready: Cultivate, equip, execute.
 - Personal comfort comes last, funded by proven productivity.
- Oxen are capital investment, more capacity, mess. Power to plow more.
- Clean is empty and effortless.
- Without productive assets, life is tidy. No feed cost. No maintenance. No increased output.
- Productivity requires investment, tolerates disorder. Mess is the price of abundance.
- Pastoral economic poem urging diligent asset management.
- Ongoing oversight: count, inspect, track.
- Liquid living capital (wool, meat, milk, offspring). Multiple revenue streams.
- Proactive stewardship counters entropy.

The wisdom of work: Takeaways

- Work hard.
- Work wisely.
- Love the work.
- Work as unto Jesus Christ.
- Redeem the work through Jesus Christ.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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