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#### **Soldiers For God Ministries**

#### The "Man of God" Course Week 2

In the second week of our study, we focused primarily on the importance of the man of God to be a man who works hard. We read from the wisdom books in the Bible that condemn laziness and excuse-making. We read New Testament passages that command men of God to be men of business. "Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living."2 Thessalonians 3:11-12 NLT The command is that men of God be diligent. Poor is one who works with a lazy hand, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. Proverbs 10:4 (NASB20) Being diligent means a lot of things. It means to be a go-getter, one who gets up early, one who plans ahead, and one who makes more and more progress until the work is done.

Men of God who work hard are ornaments on the gospel, and this is respected and appreciated in the eyes of God and man. In Genesis 2:15, we see the Godgiven mandate for man to work. Genesis 2:15 (ESV) The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. God in His wisdom created man with a purpose to work the ground. It was man who caused this to become difficult because of disobedience, but even in the difficulties of work, there are blessings. Men of God are diligent men. God doesn't use lazy people. He gave the land of Canaan as a gift to the people of Israel, but they had to go fight for it to claim it. Christianity has always been a combination of theological truth and practical application. A look at the outline of the book of Romans shows us that certain chapters are all about theological truths, and Paul carefully builds and builds an argument, getting to the point in other chapters, beginning with the word "Therefore" in Romans 12:1, "Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

At the end of the day, our goal is to help men be men of God, not just business men. But minding earthly business will give you valuable tools and experience you need for when you begin to be about the Father's business.

#### Men of God Work!



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| 1.) What does the word diligence mean? Please give the definition and list a verse that speaks about it from the Bible.  Write your answers  |
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| 2.) What is integrity and is it important in life and business? Write your answers   |
| 3.) Do you believe that God would bless you if you became more diligent and had more integrity in your work? YES NO  |
| 4.) In the first-century church, they used to provide meals to the people who needed them. What Scripture is it that says if men will not work, don't let them eat?  A) 1 Peter 2:5 B) Proverbs 1:8 C) Ecclesiastes 4:1 D) 2 Thessalonians 3:10  |
| 5.) In Romans chapter 1, what was the root of all the sins listed in the chapter? A) Forgetting God. B) Idolatry. C) Exchanging the Truth for lies. D) all these things  |
| 6,) In 1 Corinthians 15 from verses 45-49, it explains that there are two Adams. Who is this talking about? AND what is the difference between the two? (TWO PART QUESTION)  Write your answers  |
| 7.) Peter and Paul were both apostles with very important ministries. It seems as though Paul continued working at times to keep up with his own expenses, and as though Peter was a full-time minister. Which ministry style would you follow: Peter's or Paul's? And why this style?  Write your answers |
| 8.) What does it mean to adorn the gospel? (A) Compliment the truth (B) Preach the word (C) Share your faith (D) None of these things  |
| 9.) God placed the man in the garden to work. Where can this scripture be found? (A) Proverbs 10:4 (B) Genesis 2:15 (C) Ecclesiastes 11:8 (D) Genesis 1:27   |
| 10.) In Romans, Paul preaches a lot of doctrine, then begs them to live their lives as living sacrifices because of everything God did for them. What scriptures in Romans talk about practical application?   |

(A) Chapters 1-11 (B) Chapter 16 (C) Chapters 12-15 (D) chapters 6-8

# Extra reading.

Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us day by day our daily bread."

Exodus 16:11-36 explains that God provided manna every day for the Israelites to eat while they were in the wilderness. When the people first started getting manna, they would not trust that it would show up again on the next day, so they would gather as much as they could so that they would have food the next day. But when the manna was stored overnight, worms would appear in the manna. It was meant to be a day-by-day supply of food. On Fridays, the people were commanded to collect two days' worth of manna, and on Saturday, which is the Sabbath day, the manna was still good, with no worms. And if any were stubborn enough to go out looking for manna on the Sabbath day, there would be none given.

This story about the daily provision of God day by day, and even the provision of God on days of rest, is placed here in the study for a very important reason. God, in his infinite wisdom, laid out a six-day work week and a day of rest. Men of God learn this principle of faith that God will still take care of you and your family, even if you take a day off of work to rest.