

## **Work, Rest, Vacations, and Retirement**

### ***Chapter 35***

- I. Work in itself is good and pleasing to God.
  - A. Genesis 2:15
  - B. Exodus 20:8-9
  - C. Proverbs 28:19
  - D. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12
  - E. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
- II. Unpaid work
  - A. Homemaker (Caring for home and children)
    - 1. Proverbs 31:10-27
  - B. Volunteer work.
    - 1. 1 Peter 4:10
  - C. School.
    - 1. Even Jesus studied: Luke 2:52
- III. The “Sluggard”—the foolishness of lazy people.
  - A. Proverbs 6:9-11
  - B. Proverbs 26:13-16
- IV. Why did God give us productive work to do?
  - A. The satisfaction that comes from productive work and “earned success.”
    - 1. Matthew 25:21
    - 2. 2 Timothy 4:7
  - B. The privilege of creating something new.
    - 1. We can “imitate God”—Ephesians 5:1
  - C. The privilege of creating value.
  - D. The privilege supporting ourselves.
    - 1. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

- E. Individuality
- V. Work became more difficult and included pain after the fall.
  - A. Genesis 3:17-19
  - B. Psalm 90:10
  - C. Yet, we can still find joy in work.
    - 1. Ecclesiastes 5:15-20
    - 2. Ecclesiastes 2:24-25
- VI. We should work to please the Lord in every occupation.
  - A. Colossians 3:22-25
- VII. God calls different people to a wide variety of different jobs or vocations.
  - A. 1 Corinthians 7:17
- VIII. Work also presents many temptations to sin.
  - A. Being argumentative, disagreeable, or even stealing from an employer.
    - 1. Disrespect for management, resisting authority, lack of submissiveness to authority.
      - a. Titus 2:9-10
  - B. Laziness and carelessness at work.
    - 1. Working the system.
      - a. Colossians 3:23
  - C. Overworking
    - 1. A “workaholic”.
    - 2. God’s protection—the Sabbath
    - 3. Psalm 127:2
  - D. Self-reliance
    - 1. Result of pride—to trust ultimately in your own abilities for success at work.
      - a. Deuteronomy 8:17-18
- IX. We should take regular times of rest from our work.
  - A. The pattern of the Sabbath.
- X. Longer vacations

A. The sabbath year—every seventh year an extended rest from work.

XI. Retirement.

A. There is no biblical basis for retirement.