

Bible Summary

Proverbs

Work

Work is a “blurse”; a blessing plus a curse. We have to do it but at times work can be tending thorns and thistles. Proverbs gives us wisdom on what kind of work we should do and the way we as believers in Jesus should work.

Scriptures --Proverbs 18:16, 22:29, 15:19, 16:26, 10:5, 3:7, 19:17; Genesis 1-2, 3:17-19; Isaiah 2:2-5; Jeremiah 29:5; Ephesians 4:16; Acts 20:35, John 3:16, 2 Cor. 8-9

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Did it surprise you to learn that work is a blessing and that it existed even in the Garden of Eden? Why or why not?
2. In general terms, has your lifelong work experience been positive or negative? Why?
3. Do you believe you possess “gifts” (Proverbs 18:16) that enhance your field of work? Why?
4. We all possess a God-given drive to push back the wilderness and push out the darkness. Can you share an example of how you are doing this.
5. What retirement lessons can we learn from Caleb in the Old Testament? (Joshua 14:6-14)
6. Grants Pass isn't Babylon but it does have its problems.
 - a. Can you identify ways you are personally trying to make it more beautiful?
 - b. What could you do as a Community Group to make it more beautiful?
7. How does generosity grow us?
8. What does it look like to honor God even (and especially) in a job you may not love?

Bonus Question from Pastor Mark - It's believed that men have shorter lives than women because of the stress of work. Do you think women should start doing more of the work? ;-)

“Getting to Know You” Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?