

# ***“The Blessings Of Work”***

Lesson Text: **Ecclesiastes 5:18-20.**

## **I. God Designed Us To Work.**

- There Are Many Who Have the Mistaken View That Work Is Evil Or A Curse To Mankind Because Of The Fall In The Garden- **Genesis 3:17-19.**
- Work Itself Is Not Evil Or A Curse To Us- **Genesis 2:15.**
- God’s Wisdom Teaches Us To Be Industrious Like The Ant- **Proverbs 6:6-8.**
- God Instructs Us- **Ecclesiastes 9:10.**
- The Example Of The Woman Of **Proverbs 31:27.**

## **II. Why Do We Need To Work?**

- **1. Money. 2. Independence. 3. Community. (Employment First Florida Website).**
- Work Provides For Our Needs.
- It Takes An exchange Of Goods Or Services To Attain Money Needed For Our Needs...
- Work Also Gives Us A Sense Of Duty, Purpose, & Identity.
- Our Work Can Help People With Their Needs (Doctors, Lawyers, House builders....).
- It Can Give Us The Satisfaction Of “*A Job Well Done.*” **Ecclesiastes 3:12-13.**
- It Keeps Us From Begging Or Stealing For Our Needs. **Luke 16:3; Ephesians 4:28.**
- It Keeps From The Sins Of Idleness- **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15.**
- It Keeps Us From Poverty- **Proverbs 6:9-11.**
- It Keeps From Depending On Others (Government) To Supply Our Needs.

## **III. The Kinds Of Work We Can Do.**

- **Acts 18:1-3-** Paul, Aquila, & Priscilla Were Tent Makers , **Acts 16:14-** Lydia, A Seller Of Purple, **Acts 10:1,** Cornelius Was A Centurion, & **Matthew 13:55-** Joseph, Was A Carpenter....
- **11 Main Types Of Jobs Of Today:**
  - 1. Arts. 2. Business. 3. Communications. 4. Education. 5. Health Care. 6. Hospitality.**
  - 7. Information Technology. 8. Law Enforcement. 9. Sales And Marketing. 10. Science.**
  - 11. Transportation.**
- We Cannot Do Anything That Compromises, Undermines, & Causes Us To Sin!

## **IV. What Is My Attitude Toward My Work?**

- Do I Hate It? Do I Love It? Do I Merely Tolerate It?
- Our Attitude Can Determine Our Outcome....
- **Colossians 3:22–4:1.**
- Am I A Christian Example At The Workplace? **Matthew 5:16.**