

Work

I. The Background of Work

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His **work** which God had created and made.

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Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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Gen 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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John 5:17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now,
and I Myself am working.”

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Prov 24:33, 26:14	Sleepy	Early Riser	Prov 31:15
Prov 24:34	Suffers	Satisfied	Prov 10:4, 13:4
Prov 6:7	Lacks Initiative	Takes Initiative	Prov 6:7
Prov 20:4	Procrastinator	Plans Ahead	Prov 6:8
Prov 28:19	Sucker	Sweater	Prov 28:19
Prov 14:23	Talk	Toil	Prov 14:23
Prov 26:13	Makes Excuses	Takes Responsibility	Prov 6:6-9
Prov 26:16	Self-Deceived	Teachable	Prov 9:8-9
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Prov. 24:

30 I passed by the field of the sluggard

And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,

31 And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles;

Its surface was covered with nettles,

And its stone wall was broken down.

32 When I saw, I reflected upon it;

I looked, and received instruction.

33 “A little sleep, a little slumber,

A little folding of the hands to rest,”

34 Then your poverty will come as a robber

And your want like an armed man.

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Prov 6:

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard,
Observe her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no chief,
Officer or ruler,
8 Prepares her food in the summer
And gathers her provision in the
harvest.

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The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

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He who tills his land will have plenty of food,
But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.

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In all labor there is profit,
But mere talk leads only to poverty.

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The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! A lion is in the open square!”

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Prov 26:16
The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can give a
discreet answer.

Prov 9:
8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will
hate you,
Reprove a wise man and he will love
you.
9 Give instruction to a wise man and
he will be still wiser,
Teach a righteous man and he will
increase his learning.

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Prov 10:26
Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to
the eyes,
So is the lazy one to those who send
him.

Prov 8:30
Then I was beside Him, as a master
workman;
And I was daily His delight

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Prov 21:6 The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

Prov 12:22 Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

Integrity of Hands

Prov 9:17-18

“Stolen water is sweet;

And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” [Says Woman Folly]

But he does not know that the dead are there,

That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Integrity of Business Practices

Prov 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD,
But a just weight is His delight.

2 Cor 5:9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Rom 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

Rom. 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Prov 16:6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,
And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.

Phil. 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

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