

I Want To Be A Worker

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Introduction

Christians are called to be workers (John 9:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58). Grace demands diligent service (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14). The New Testament speaks of those who faithfully fulfilled this charge:

Jesus Christ is our greatest example (John 4:34; 17:4). Consider also Prisca and Aquila (Romans 16:3-5), Urbanu (Romans 16:9), Tryphaena and Tryphosa (Romans 16:12), Timothy (Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 16:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3), Titus (2 Corinthians 8:23), Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:25-30), Clement and the rest (Philippians 4:3), Aristarchus, Mark and Jesus who is called Justus (Colossians 4:10-11), Philemon and Apphia (Philemon 1-3), Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke (Philemon 23-24).

In The Church

Saints are both God's field and also his fellow workers (1 Corinthians 3:5-9). We must actively obey the gospel (John 6:26-29). We must actively spread the gospel (Matthew 9:35-38; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8). We must actively support the cause of Christ (3 John 5-8).

In The Workplace

From the beginning, productive labor has been required of mankind (Genesis 1:28; 2:15; 3:17-19). Sloth leads to poverty (Proverbs 6:6-11; 20:4). Diligence results in bounty (Psalm 128:1-4; Proverbs 13:4). Therefore, let us industriously labor, working hardily as for the Lord rather than for men (Ecclesiastes 9:9-10; Ephesians 4:28; 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-24).

In The Home

Let us labor, not only for material things, but also for spiritual things (Matthew 6:24, 33; 1 Timothy 6:17-19). May we teach our children the ways of the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 78:5-8). May we train them up in the way they should go (Proverbs 19:18; 22:6; 29:15, 17). This duty belongs to husbands/fathers (Genesis 18:19; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:21) and wives/mothers (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15; Titus 2:3-5).

Conclusion

We will be judged on how we use our talents (Matthew 25:14-30). We will answer for how we serve others (Matthew 25:31-46). Are you prepared to give an account of yourself to God (Romans 2:6-11; 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)?