

## Standing Out In Excellence At Your Work!

1. War - *Spirit* (Prayer, Petition and Proclamation [Taking back what the devil stole] led by the Spirit)
2. Word - *Soul* (Bible centered preaching and teaching to bring us to repentance by renewing the mind, to line your will up with God and to give you a healthy emotional life)
3. Work - *Body* (Making a difference in practical, physical ways)

Gen. 2:2 - By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

Matt. 5:16 - In the same way, let your light SHINE (radiate brilliancy) BEFORE (ahead of to set the example or show how it's done) men, that they may see your GOOD DEEDS (KJV-works - (er'-gon) - toil as an effort or occupation) and praise your Father in heaven.

### **1.) You should stand out in excellence at your work because you are God's representatives on Earth!**

1 Pet 2:18-23

18. Slaves(employees), submit yourselves to your masters (employers, bosses) with all RESPECT, not only to those who are good and considerate, but ALSO TO THOSE WHO ARE HARSH.

19. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

20. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

21. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

22. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

23. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Pr. 10:26 - As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him.

1Thess. 4:11-12 - Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life (to try earnestly to shut up), to mind (repeatedly or habitually) YOUR OWN BUSINESS (Don't worry about what someone else is doing or how they are doing it!) and to WORK ("ep'-o" - to speak or say) WITH YOUR HANDS, just as we told you, (Another words; Shut your mouth and let your work do your talking for you!)

Vs.12a - so that your daily life may win the respect of OUTSIDERS (outside the faith/non-Christians)

## **2.) You should stand out in excellence at your work because you like to eat!**

1Thess. 4:12b - and so that you will NOT BE DEPENDENT ON ANYBODY.

2 Thess. 3:10-12 - For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ""If a man will not work, he shall not eat." We hear that some among you are IDLE. They are NOT BUSY; they are busybodies (meddlers, working their mouth!). Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to SETTLE DOWN (hay-soo-khee'-ah - be quiet, hush, hold their tongue, desist from speaking, shut up) and earn the bread they eat.

1 Cor. 6:19,20 - Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1Thess. 2:11,12 - For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to LIVE LIVES (be occupied in a way that is) WORTHY OF GOD, who calls you into his kingdom and glory (on the earth).

## **3.) You should stand out in excellence at your work because you are called by God work skillfully & wholeheartedly!**

Pr. 6:6-11 - Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little

slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest--and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

2 Chr. 31:20-21- This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked WHOLEHEARTEDLY (gave it his all). And so he PROSPERED.

Pr. 22:29 - Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

Listen, your employer hired you to do your job, not to stand around preaching while you're on the clock!

If you're not giving them your best effort while at work, you're stealing from them and destroying your witness!

#### **4.) You should stand out in excellence at your work because God directs blessings through your work!**

Gen. 39:4-6 - Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Gen. 39:20-23 - But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. He was later put in charge of all of Egypt!

Gen. 39:40-41 - You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt."

Pr. 13:4 - The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are FULLY SATISFIED. (daw-shane'- made rich, anointed, promoted)

**5.) You should stand out in excellence at your work because you are ultimately working for God, not for man!**

Eph. 6:5-8

5. Slaves(employees), obey your earthly masters (employers, bosses) with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

6. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

7. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,

8. because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Col. 3:17,22-24

17. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

22. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

23. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

24. since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Pr. 3:5,6 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths STRAIGHT (yaw-shar' -pleasant & prosperous).

1 Cor. 10:31-33 - So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-- even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

Matt. 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your GOOD DEEDS and praise your Father in heaven.