

**The Way of Wisdom: Practical Living Before God**  
**“Wisdom in the Workplace”**  
**Selected Scripture**

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**Work is God’s Divine D e s i g n for Me (Gen 2:15; 1 Thess 3:10)**

- God is a God who w o r k s (Gen 1:1-5; John 5:17)
- Work is n o t the result of the F a l l (Gen 2:15; 3:17-19)
- Work is part of f u l f i l l i n g God’s m a n d a t e for mankind (Gen 1:27-28)

**If I am not careful, I can develop u n w i s e a t t i t u d e s about work (Prov 20:5; 23:19; 27:19)**

I can develop an attitude of:

- l a z i n e s s (Prov 6:6-11; 20:4; 10:4-5; 10:26; 12:27; 24:30-34)
- getting s o m e t h i n g for n o t h i n g (Prov 12:11; 13:11; 14:23)
- g r e e d (Prov 11:16; 13:4; 15:27; 18:1; 27:20)
- c a r e l e s s n e s s (Prov 18:9; 22:13; 26:13)

**God desires that I develop a w i s e attitude toward work (Prov 4:5-9; 31:17)**

A *godly attitude* means developing an *attitude* of:

- g r a t e f u l n e s s – seeing work as a b l e s s i n g (Prov 12:14)
- d i l i g e n c e in my r e s p o n s i b i l i t i e s (Prov 10:4; 12:24; 21:5; 28:19)
- c o n t e n t m e n t with God’s p r o v i s i o n (Prov 11:18; 12:27; 13:4)
- a proper p e r s p e c t i v e of God’s p u r p o s e (Prov 10:4; 13:11; 20:13; 12:24)
- h o n o r i n g God and those in a u t h o r i t y (Prov 20:11; 16:3; 3:5-6)

**Three keys to wisdom in the workplace...**

- F e a r the Lord (Prov 9:10)
- T r u s t the Lord (Prov 3:5-6)
- W o r k to please the L o r d, not o t h e r s (Col 3:23)