

Have the Right Work Ethic

Exodus 20:15

(Timeless Truth #8 of “Top 10 Timeless Truths”)

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“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

“Stay away from any believer who refuses to work. We were not lazy when we were with you. We worked very hard night and day. We gave you this rule: ‘Anyone who refuses to work should not eat.’ We command those people to work and earn their own food.” 2 Thessalonians 3:6-8,10,12 (NCV)

I. What is the Right Work Ethic?

⊗ _____ your _____ as unto _____.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Col. 3:23 (NIV)

II. What is the Right Work Ethic so Important?

⊗ **Without it, _____ is our _____.**

⊗ **1 of 2 Extremes:**

#1. _____

#2. _____

“We can charge them more and give them less, and we can change the scales to cheat the people.” Amos 8:5 (NCV)

“The wicked borrows and does not pay back.” Ps. 37:21 (NCV)

“This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants. If you owe taxes, pay taxes.” Romans 13:6-7 (NIV)

III. The Payoff of the Right Work Ethic

#1. _____

“In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Keep a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior may be ashamed of their slander.”

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

#2. _____

“Ill-gotten gains do not profit.” Prov. 10:2 (NAS)

*“He who has clean hands will grow stronger and stronger.”
Job 17:9 (NAS)*

#3. _____

*“A faithful man will abound with blessings.”
Prov. 28:20 (NAS)*

*“He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
will receive blessing from the LORD.”
Psalm 112:4-5 (NIV)*

*“He who has been stealing must steal no longer,
but must work, doing something useful with his own hands,
that he may have something to share with those in need.”
Eph. 4:28 (NIV)*