

## Employment

1. Many are raised to be lazy and expect a “bail-out” or “hand-out” from family or government. Young people need to grow up learning to work and not be lazy (Acts 20:35; Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 5:6-8).
2. Work is from God (Gen. 2:15; 3:19; Eccl. 3:13).
3. Laziness leads to theft, crime, unnecessary need and burden, etc. Laziness (“the sluggard” in the OT) is condemned in scripture (Prov. 6:6-11; 13:4; 19:15; 20:4; 26:16; Mt. 20:6) and those who do not work are to be refused by the church (2 Thess. 3:6-14; 1 Tim. 5:11-13).
4. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability; work hard, rest hard (Eccl. 9:10; Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; 31:12-17).
5. Remember to act faithfully as a Christian while you are on the job (Mt. 5:13-16; 7:12; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22 – 4:1; 1 Tim. 6:1-2; Tit. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:18-21).
6. Do not choose a job that will cause you to compromise your Christianity with lying, cheating, stealing, sinful behavior, dishonesty, unethical practices, etc. (Deut. 25:13-16; Tit. 3:14).
7. Do not choose a job that will keep you from assembling with the church (Heb. 10:24-25).
8. Do not get so caught up in your work that you do not take care of the spiritual needs of your soul (Lk. 12:15-21; 1 Tim. 6:10).
9. Mothers have a special work at home (1 Tim. 5:14; Tit. 2:5).