

## How We Are To Work

- I. Why Do We Work?
  - A. Reminder of the Curse - the Cost of Sin (Gen 3:17-19)
  - B. God's Instruction (Ex 20:9)
  - C. Satisfaction Comes from It (Ecc 5:12)
  - D. Having Something to Share with Those Who Have Needs (Eph 4:28)
  - E. Your Responsibility
    1. I Thes 4:11-12
      - a) lead a quiet life
      - b) attend to your own business
      - c) work with your hands
      - d) behave properly toward outsiders
      - e) not be in any need
    2. Acts 20:33-35
      - a) don't covet what others have
      - b) take care of your needs and those with you (your responsibility)
      - c) working hard you help the weak
      - d) reminded that it is more blessed to give than to receive
    3. II Thes 3:7-15
      - a) Follow example (7)
      - b) Don't act in an undisciplined manner (7)
      - c) Don't eat anyone's else's bread without paying for it (8)
      - d) Don't be a burden (8)
      - e) If someone doesn't work, he doesn't eat (10)
      - f) living undisciplined lives, doing no work, become busybodies (11)
      - g) Work in quiet fashion and eat your own bread (12)
      - h) Don't grow weary of doing good (13)

## II. Those Working Under Us

- A. Don't take advantage (Jer 22:13)
- B. Pay them properly (Lev 19:13; Dt 24:14-15)
- C. God watches out for the laborers (Mal 3:5)

## III. Those Who Work for the Gospel

### A. I Cor 9:1-23

1. They have the right to refrain from working (bringing the Gospel is their work) (6)
  - a) Soldiers don't serve at their own expense (7)
  - b) Those who have vineyards and flocks - eat from those things (7)
  - c) Don't muzzle the ox while he is threshing (9-10)
  - d) The plowman plows in hope and the thresher threshes in hope of sharing the crops
2. If we sow spiritual things in you - is it too much to reap material things from you? (11)
3. Those who performed sacred services eat the food of the temple or altar (13)
  - a) The Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel (14)
4. I do all things for the sake of the gospel (23)

### B. Gal 6:6-10

1. The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him (6)
2. Don't lose heart in doing good - in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary (9)
3. Let us do good to all people - especially those in the household of faith (10)

C. I Thes 5:12-13

1. Appreciate those who diligently labor among you, have charge over you, give you instruction
2. Esteem them very highly in love because of their work

D. I Tim 5:17-18

1. Elders who rule are worthy of double honor especially those who are working hard at preaching and teaching
2. The laborer is worthy of his wages

E. II Cor 8:1-15

1. Out of joy and deep poverty - gave liberally (2)
2. Gave beyond their ability - of their own accord (3)
3. Begged to be part of God's work (4)
  - a) Gave themselves to God first (5)
  - b) They gave by the will of God (5)
  - c) Acceptable according to what a person has (12)
  - d) Not for ease of others but for equality (13)
4. Give out of your abundance now - your need may be supplied later (14)

F. II Cor 9

1. Make giving your priority so it is not affected by covetousness (5)
2. Sow sparingly - reap sparingly (6)
3. Do what you have purposed in your heart (7)
  - a) Not grudgingly (7)
  - b) Not under compulsion (7)
  - c) God loves a cheerful giver (7)
4. Give in thankfulness (10-12)
5. Brings glory to God (13)