

minutes each day using personal mobile devices for non-work activities during work hours]

8. Is Paul advocating that we become workaholics? What do you think about relaxing? Is a vacation a good thing? Why or why not?
9. What are some ways that bosses are not just & fair? List as many as you can think of.
10. "Power corrupts; and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Does this have to be true? How can this passage in Colossians keep this from happening?
11. What are some ways that a boss can demonstrate Who Jesus is in the workplace?
12. If you own a company, how can you make sure that you run it for the glory of God? How do you remind yourself that God is the true Owner?
13. What can you do this week at work to make sure that the name of our God and His doctrine will not be spoken against (1 Tim. 6:1)? Are you the hardest worker at your company? Does your work ethic make our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ look good in the eyes of your boss, or your fellow workers, or your employees (Titus 2:9-10)?
14. How do these principles apply to the work we do at church as volunteers? Where specifically are you currently serving at The Bridge? Are you serving with excellence? Are you working hard for the glory of God and benefit of His people? Are you encouraging others to do the same?
15. We have a benevolent fund to help church members who have financial needs. What should the church do when members who are able to work refuse to work and expect the church to pay their bills? How can church members stay away from the unruly members yet continue to admonish them as brothers or sisters in Christ?
16. What are some ways that you can remind yourself this week to do all that you do to please Jesus? Get practical!

September 6, 2026 – Labor Day Weekend

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Selected Scriptures

"We Get To Go To Work!"

I. Mini-Theology on Work

- A. **Work is** _____. Gen. 1-2; 2:15
- B. **Work became** _____ **after the Fall.** Gen. 3:17ff
- C. **We need** _____ **from work.** Gen. 1; **Ex. 23:12**
- D. **We need to work** _____ **(be diligent).** **Prov. 10:4;** 12:11, 24, 27; 13:4, 11, 23; 14:4, 23; 21:5; 22:29; 27:23; 28:19; 31:27; Eccl. 11:4, 6. **SLUGGARD** in Proverbs.
- E. **Avoid the** _____ **schemes.** Prov. 21:5; **28:19-20**
- F. **Hard work is** _____. Ps. 128:2; Prov. 12:11, 14; 13:4, 11; 14:23
- G. **God** _____ **in our labors.** Ps. 127; **1 Cor. 3:9; 15:10**
- H. **Work is** _____ **apart from God and an eternal perspective.** Eccl. 2:11, 17-22; contrast Eccl. 2:24; 5:18f
- I. **All work is to be done for God's** _____. 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:17; 23f
- J. **We should work hard so we can** _____ **to others.** Eph. 4:28
- K. **People who** _____ **should not eat.** 2 Th. 3:10-12
- L. **Workers should be paid** _____ **and** _____. **If you rob them, God will judge you.** Lev. 19:13; Mal. 3:5; James 5:4
- M. **There are many** _____ **to work:**
 - **Provision for oneself.** Prov. 12:14; 28:19
 - **Ability to share with others.** Eph. 4:28
 - **Profit.** Prov. 13:11; 14:23
 - **Stature.** Prov. 12:24
 - **Happiness.** Ps. 128:2; Eccl. 5:18f

- **1 Cor. 15:**

II. Mandates For Those Who Work – Col. 3:22-4:1; cf. Eph. 6:5-9; Titus 2:9-10

A. Employees – 3:22-25

1. **Who = Slaves** – “Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who [merely] please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.”
2. **What**
 - a. **Do everything you are _____ to do!**
 - 1) **How?**
 - a) _____
 - b) **In _____ things**
 - 2) **Why?** - “not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.”
 - a) **God is _____** (cf. 1 Tim. 6:1, 2; Titus 2:9, 10; 1 Pet. 2:18-21)
 - b) _____ (**work = ministry**)
 - c) **I _____ the Lord, not man**
 - b. **Do everything with _____! (Work hard)**
²³ “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;”
 - 1) **How? (Excellence)**
 - a) **Put your whole _____ into every task**
 - b) **Do every task for _____**
 - 2) **Why? (Excellence)**
 - a) _____ **rewards** – “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.”
 - b) **There is no _____ / _____ distinction** – “It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”
 - c) **You reap what you sow** - ²⁵ For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

B. Employers – 4:1 – “Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.”

1. **Who = “Masters”**
2. **What = Treat your employees the way Jesus would!**
 - a. **Grant them justice**
 - b. **Grant them fairness**
3. **Why = you are _____ to Jesus!**

III. Mandates For Those Who Won’t Work – 2 Thess. 3:6-15

- A. Church: _____ from them – vv. 6-9**
- B. Lazy Person: _____! – vv. 10-12**
- C. Church: _____! vv. 13-15**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did anything surprise you in the mini-theology on work?
2. According to 1 Cor. 15, what should our attitude be toward work? How does a proper understanding of the resurrection of Jesus motivate us to work hard?
3. To what extent does God want us to obey those in authority over us? What if they are unreasonable and overly demanding? (Read 1 Peter 2)
4. Why do we need to apply the principles of Col. 3:1-17 in order to fulfill the commands in Col. 3:22-25? How would applying those principles help you in your current work situation?
5. What are some ways that people demonstrate they are only “men-pleasers” and not totally devoted to Christ in the workplace?
6. Does your quality of work improve when you are being watched? Why or why not?
7. The Bible tells us not to steal. What are some ways that people steal at work? What should we call it when we waste time at work and still get paid for it? [According to one study, average employees spend 56