LIFE AS GOD INTENDED

Lesson Three

God INTENDS for us to WORK - 7 principles to understanding work

Our society more and more, sees work as a punishment or unfair. Somehow, they got the short of the stick because they must work. Many are checking out entirely, expecting either parent, grandparents, or the government to pay their way. However, God's Word tells us what God think about work.

1. Work is God's idea from the beginning

Genesis 2:15-cultivate & keep it

Exodus 20:9 & 10-6 days shall you labor...work

2. Work is WORK

Genesis 3:17-19 in TOIL, by the SWEAT of your brow

II Timothy 2:6 the HARD-WORKING farmer

Galatians 6:4 & 5 Each shall bear his own LOAD

Even ministry done right is work

Romans 12:11 diligent, steady effort, preserving, hard-working

I Corinthians 15:58 always abounding in the work of the Lord

II Timothy 2:15 diligent, a workman

Work requires, toil, sweat, bearing a load, tires you out, you need to rest, diligence, steady, continual effort, careful thought. Work is WORK.

3. Work provides for you needs

Proverbs 12:11 He who till his land, PLENTY

Proverbs 20:13 stop stealing and get to WORK

Proverbs 19:15 an idle man will SUFFER hunger

Proverbs 12:24 & 13:4 Diligent rule and are fat (3)

Proverbs 14:23 in all labor there is PROFIT

Psalm 90:17 God can BLESS our work

4. Work brings satisfaction in life

Ecclesiastes 3:12 & 13 God wants us to see good in our labor—God's GIFT

Ecclesiastes 2:24 Tell himself that his labor is good

Ecclesiastes 5:18 – 20 Enjoy work, enjoy stuff, enjoy living – gift of God

Psalm 128:1 & 2 We eat what we provided, you will be happy

5. Work requires the right attitude

Colossians 3:22-24 Do your work heartily, as for the Lord Galatians 6:9 Do not lose heart, you will reap in due time

6. Work enables us to help others

Ephesians 4:28 in order that He may have something to share

Proverbs. 21:25 & 26 the righteous gives and does not hold back

7. Work is required

II Thessalonians 3:10-12 If anyone will not work, neither let them eat I Timothy 5:8 He is worse than an unbeliever Proverbs 21:25 & 26 Refuses to work, all day long he is craving

Work is intended by God to be a normal part of life. We work—We rest—Our needs are met—We can help others. Our work brings personal satisfaction and can provide us with many good things.