

## DAILY READING: WORKING FOR THE LORD

Whatever I do I will work as though I am working for the Lord. As a follower of Jesus, everything I do reflects Him. Because of this truth I find work meaningful regardless of how tedious it may seem. Because of this truth I find work fulfilling irrespective of how mundane it may appear. Everything I touch is an expression of my commitment to Jesus. Anything with my fingerprints is my art. I will do my work with enthusiasm because I am working for the Lord rather than people. Regardless of the work the Lord has put before me I will do my work responsibly knowing that both my accountability and reward are found in Him.

God will bring the right opportunities my way – opportunities that will fulfill the purpose and destiny He has for me. My work is an opportunity to do good and perpetually engage in giving back to others in need. I will always do my work in an ethical manner. I will always do my work at a standard that pleases God. Work becomes an offering to God and is transformed into a sacrifice of love. Whatever I do I will work as though I am working for the Lord.

Straightforward communication and honesty in my work will win the respect of others. People of integrity stand out in this fallen world. So I will live as a positive witness through my work. I will not depend on others for handouts; doing so would take advantage of others' hard work. Instead, I will show my love for others by making it my ambition to work hard with my own hands and be self-supporting, dependent on only Jesus as my provider. My desire through my work is to be a contributor, not a passive bystander. Whatever I do I will work as though I am working for the Lord.

### MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 6:7-8  
 "Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free."  
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### ACTIVITY:

Think of an assignment or project you worked on, or if you have a job think of that. Did you work with excellence to give God glory? Or, did you only do "good enough?" Beginning today, be determined to do everything with excellence to give glory to God.

## DAILY STUDY: WORKING FOR THE LORD

**DAY 1:** Made to Work - 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (Page 906); Genesis 2:15 (Page 4)

**DAY 2:** Example for Coworkers - Titus 2:9-10 (Page 917); Proverbs 13:4 (Page 489)

**DAY 3:** Work Responsibly - Colossians 4:5-6 (Page 904); Ecclesiastes 9:10 (Page 509)

**DAY 4:** Work as if for the Lord - Ephesians 6:7-8 (Page 898); Psalm 90:17 (Page 456)

**DAY 5:** Made to Rest - Hebrews 4:9-10 (Page 922); Exodus 20:8-10 (Page 59)

**DAY 6:** Don't Live Idly - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13 (Page 909); Proverbs 12:11 (Page 489)

**DAY 7:** Work Hard - 1 Peter 2:12 (Page 935); Ephesians 4:28 (Page 897); Proverbs 14:23 (Page 490). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

## LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?