



Providing for Our Families and Our Duties and Obligations:

The Lord has said that work is His principle forever.



Even Jesus Christ's father, Joseph, taught Him about the meaning of work.

2 Thessalonians 3:11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

This is an eternal principle of Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 5:13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

The importance of hard work is the plan of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.



They have set the examples for us, that work is important in heaven and upon the earth.

God had worked hard to create all of the heavens and the world we live on.

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work

The Lord has commanded us to work.



From the time of Adam and Eve, work has been the way of life.

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Adam and Eve had to work the fields so they could take care of their family and attend to the needs of their children.



Exodus 20:9

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

The Lord has said He is not well pleased with many in His church and of the world who are idlers.

Work to build up your family and His church unto righteousness.

Work to do missionary work and spread His words.

Your Family Responsibilities:

Within your own home, each member has responsibilities; Fathers, Mothers, and Children.

How are some of the ways each family member can help each other in sharing the work?

As Fathers and Mothers have responsibilities for each member to give physical, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing, happiness, comfort, security, welfare, safety, health, and family activities.

As parents, you should never, ever expect anyone else to take care of this responsibility for them as parents.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

All parents need to seek inspiration from the Lord and follow His counsel from the scriptures, for setting up family responsibilities in the home.

Couples need to teach the gospel daily in the home.



Father's need to provide for basic necessities of shelter, utilities, food, and clothing, unless poor health requires someone else's help.

Parents need to teach in kindness that they should do their part in working around the home.

Each child need to work assignments that they can handle for their age.

Parents need to praise them for their efforts and doing the work.

Teach them good work habits, attitudes, practices, thoughts, manners, talents, and skills around the home and church.



As parents, sometimes you may encounter hardships when providing for your family.

Debilitating diseases, loss of a spouse or having elderly parent(s) move in will increase the responsibilities of the home.

Heavenly Father knows about all situations and He will give them strength do all their duties in faith and worthiness.



Joy Can Come From Work:

Your feelings and thoughts determine your effectiveness about work.

The attitude for work can be good or drudgery for them.

With the right attitude for work can be an exciting and joyful.

Like the Lord has been telling us to enjoy work with an eye single on Him.



Working with the Lord in mind makes the job go faster.

With faith, hope, and charity your work will bring great joy in the home.

To bring the blessing of joy, you need to learn how to work.

The majority of us can not choose what kind or type of work you do for a career.

Many of us will work in a career for long hours and little pay to take care of our bare needs.



Some jobs may be too large and you may feel depressed and angry.



Also, we can share the workload in helping others in need will bring joy.



When more are helping the job get lighter and lighter and you all feel more united.

Some of the happiest people are those who learned to enjoy the work given them.

Under these types of conditions, it will make it harder to enjoy your work, but with the Lord's help, He can make it a little easier to do the job.



Asking three people who are working at a church building on what they are doing.

First, said, I am cleaning the floors.

Second, said, I am getting ice cream afterwards for cleaning the floor.

Third, said, I am cleaning the House of the Lord.

You get three different attitudes about doing the same work.

It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.

We all have burdens and we need to learn to carry each other's burdens, lighten each other's load.

I do not pray for a lighter load, but for a stronger back.

As long as we are doing good and honest work, we are serving God and our families.

If you find yourself doing dishonest work or illegal work, flee as fast as you can, for this type of work can only bring misery and pain.

When you are serving or helping others, you are serving Heavenly Father.



As a father or mother or son that is working, you are providing only enough for necessities for yourself or your families, you are still helping Heavenly Father's children here on earth.

You can change your opinions and viewpoints on doing work they way the Lord wants you to do work.

The Lord Does Not Like The Idler:

1 Timothy 5:13 And withal **they learn to be idle**, **wandering about from house to house**; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

Proverbs 18:9 **He also that is slothful in his work** is brother to him that is a **great waster**.

Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ does not like the idler, and He condemns them.

Heavenly Father tells us that an idler needs to repent and mend their ways before they are accepted by Him.

For that person to be idle is heading the wrong way, for their thoughts are not correct.

Parents need to be independent and self-sustaining and keep busy to avoid idleness.

You must do all you can for your support and the support of your family.

As long as you are able, you need to supply yourself and your family with all the necessities of life.

When called upon by relatives, as far as you are able, have the responsibility to care them who are unable to provide for themselves.

Idleness can affect you and the whole family, which may affect the community.



Activities and Rest from Your Labors:

Balance is needed in your family and yourself.

There is a proper balance between working, activities, and resting.

All work makes a person a dull boy.

Exodus 20:10

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Resting or doing activities other than work brings happiness and joy to have time off for a day to recoup for the next six days of work.

We need to observe the Sabbath day of the Lord and be busy doing laborer for Him.

Parents need to teach and help their children to learn this balance between work and resting.





Obtaining Blessings From Work:

Honest work brings good blessings from the Lord.

Genesis 3:19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread**, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Work is a temporal law but it is a law of salvation for all.

Work helps us to grow in character, endurance, personality, moral fiber, and with increased talents development.

Work is a blessing and love for the Lord is a pathway to heaven.

We are here on earth that we might have joy.



From the beginning, God has given us a key for knowledge about work.

For the righteous and worthy, Heavenly Father will put us to work in the next life as well.

As we do more work for the Lord, we will become like Him doing His work.

Heavenly Father's work is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.



God warns the rich and poor against greed, envy, and laziness

Men and women should be anxiously engaged in a good cause.

Fathers and mothers need to teach their children to work and be industrious.

We Are the Reason He Created the Universe!



When comparing man to God, man is nothing; yet we are everything to God.

Knowing that Jesus Christ created the earth for us because we mean everything to Heavenly Father can help us increase our love for them.

How grateful we should be that a wise creator fashioned an earth and placed us here.

That we might experience a time of testing, an opportunity to prove ourselves in order to qualify for all that God has prepared for us to receive.

When we use our agency to obey God's commandments and repent, we become worthy to return to live with Him.

We have been created in God's image.



If you live up to these principles how great and glorious, the angels cannot be restrained from being your associates.

KJV – Additional Scriptures:

- Matthew 25:14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and **delivered unto them his goods.**
- Matthew 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
- Matthew 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.
- Matthew 25:17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.
- Matthew 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
- Matthew 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
- Matthew 25:20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.
- Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- Matthew 25:22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
- Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- Matthew 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:



Matthew 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Matthew 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matthew 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

Matthew 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Matthew 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Matthew 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:



Matthew 25:41

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and **to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.



- Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- Genesis 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- Genesis 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- Genesis 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
- Genesis 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- Genesis 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.
- Genesis 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- Genesis 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
- Genesis 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- Genesis 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
- Genesis 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

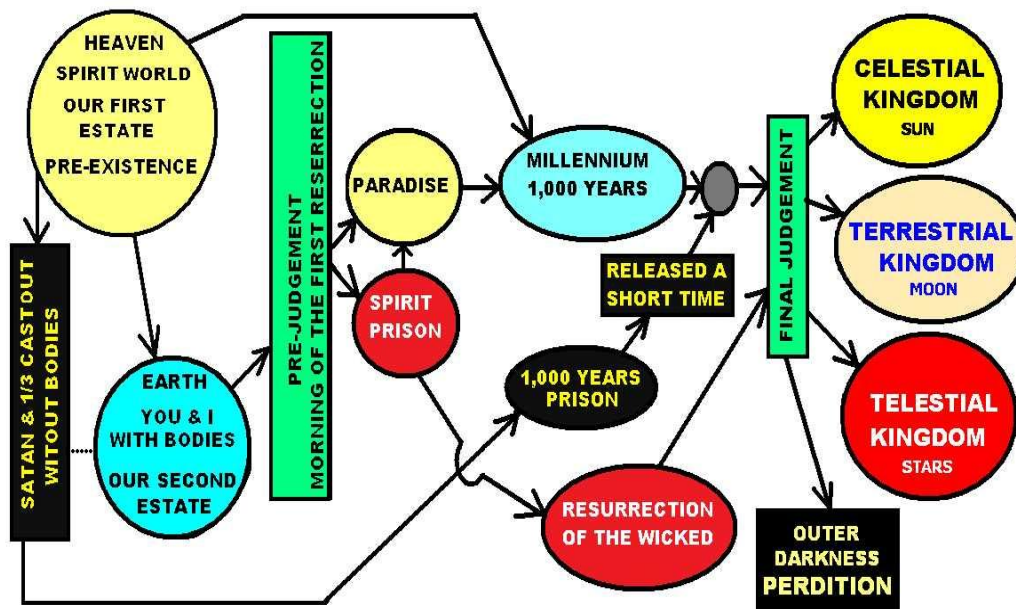


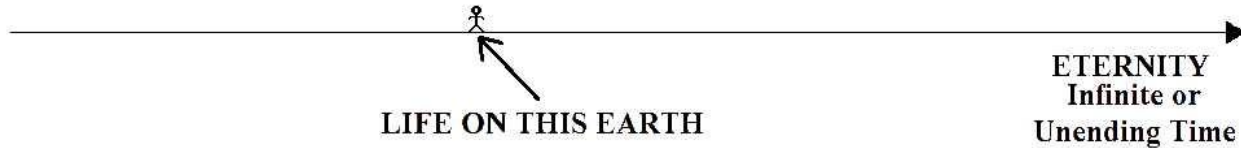
- Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:
- Hosea 12:8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: **in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.**



Matthew 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen





How long is Eternity?

This life is very short compared to Eternity; this is a test for us here.

Whether we live a few moments in the mother's womb or 150 years old, compared to the Eternities, this life is nothing, we are here to choose the right and marry and raise a family of children unto God.

Families are forever with God and choose the right.