



What Does the Bible Say About Work?

**The Bible makes it clear that work matters to God.
Here are 9 key points about work drawn from the Bible.**

ADAPTED FROM THEOLOGY OF WORK PROJECT

1 God created all things, and even though creation has become fallen, God will restore it to perfection.

- a. Genesis 1
- b. Genesis 2
- c. Isaiah 65
- d. Revelation 21:1-22:5

2 Our work in every sphere matters to God now and eternally.

- a. Genesis 1:27
- b. Genesis 2:5 & 2:15
- c. Isaiah 65:21-23
- d. Ephesians 2:10
- e. Revelation 21:24-27

3 God calls people to every kind of legitimate work and gives us skills and talents to fulfill the work.

- a. Exodus 31:1-5
- b. Romans 12: 6-8
- c. 1 Corinthians 12:28
- d. Ephesians 4:11-16
- e. Matthew 25:14-30
- f. *Calling and Vocation Overview*

4 We are responsible for the quality, character and ethics of our work and for our faithfulness to God.

- a. Matthew 25:21
- b. Colossians 3:23-24
- c. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 & 15:58
- d. Jeremiah 17:10
- e. Matthew 16:27
- f. Revelation 22:12
- g. 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- h. Ezekiel 36:30

5 We are meant to work yoked to Christ, following his morals, treating others fairly, and loving all people.

- a. 2 Corinthians 6:14-15
- b. Matthew 11:29-30
- c. Psalm 89:14
- d. Exodus 20:2-17
- e. Mark 12:31
- f. Matthew 25:35-36

6 Our work should be centered on service to others, no matter what our work or role is.

- a. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- b. Mark 12:31
- c. Matthew 7:12
- d. Philippians 2:3-4
- e. Galatians 5:13
- f. 1 Peter 4:10
- g. Romans 12:16
- h. Matthew 5:13-14
- i. 1 Peter 3:15
- j. 2 Corinthians 5:20
- k. Matthew 28:19-20
- l. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

7 God invites us into a deliberate pattern of regular rest, for both restoration and relationship with Christ.

- a. Exodus 20:8-11
- b. John 15:4
- c. Hebrews 4:10
- d. 1 John 3:19

8 We should allow God to direct the use of all he has provided, including talents, time, money and influence.

- a. 1 Corinthians 4:7
- b. 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- c. Isaiah 58:10
- d. Acts 2:45
- e. Romans 12:13
- f. Hebrews 13:16
- g. Philippians 4:15-19

9 We need relationships with other followers of Christ, through the church, for support and accountability.

- a. 1 Timothy 3:15
- b. 1 Corinthians 12:27
- c. Ephesians 4:12-13
- d. Acts 2:42-47 & 11:26
- e. Titus 2:3-8
- f. Proverbs 27:17
- g. 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- h. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

