

WORK!

TEXT: 2 Thess. 3:10

INTRODUCTION:

- A. "WHAT WILL I BE WHEN I GROW UP?"
- B. WIDE VARIETY OF OCCUPATIONS.
- C. WHAT KIND OF OCCUPATION WOULD BE RIGHT FOR ME **AS A CHRISTIAN**. DOES GOD SAY ANYTHING?

I. THE NECESSITY OF WORK.

- A. MAN'S BEGINNING (**Gen. 2:15**).
 - 1. Work is **honorable** (**Gen. 3:15**).
 - 2. **Difficulty is the curse** (**3:17-19**).
- B. NEW TESTAMENT **COMMANDS** (**2 Thess. 3:10-12; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; Titus 3:8**).
- C. CHARACTER OF THE "NEW MAN" (**Eph. 4:24, 28; 1 Tim. 5:8**).
- D. GOD'S BLESSING (**Matt. 6:11**). WE MUST PLANT (**1 Cor. 3:6**).

II. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR WORK.

- A. NOT TO MERELY GET RICH (**Ecc. 2:18-19; 3:9-10; 5:10-17**).
- B. FOR WHOM DO WE WORK? (**Eph. 6:5-7; Col. 3:22-25**).
 - 1. Do your best!
 - 2. Be fair with your boss (**Matt. 7:12**).
- C. "WHAT IF I'M THE BOSS?"
 - 1. You also have a master (**Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1**).
 - 2. Be fair (**1 Cor. 9:9; James 5:1-5**).
- D. A DAY'S WORK FOR A DAY'S PAY!

III. SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHOICE.

- A. IS IT HONEST? (**Eph. 4:28; Titus 3:8; Rev. 21:8**).
- B. IS IT HONORABLE?
 - 1. Honest but not honorable? YES!
 - 2. **Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 8:21**. American Standard.
 - 3. Our light must shine (**1 Thess. 5:22**).
 - 4. **Eph. 5:11**. Honest but in a dishonorable association.
- C. DOES IT HINDER SPIRITUALLY?
 - 1. **Matt. 6:33**. God comes first.
 - 2. **Heb. 10:25**.
 - a. Hours that keep us away.
 - b. Distance – Would you move to a place where there was no church?
- D. SATISFACTION.
 - 1. The promise of Christ (**Phil. 4:6-7**).
 - 2. Satisfaction in Service to God (**Phil. 4:12**).
 - 3. Job should be what we want – But it is a means to an end!

Serving God and providing for our families is the end. Not selfish enjoyment!

- E. IS IT YOUR GOD?
1. How many masters? (**Matt. 6:24**).
 2. Idols (**1 John 5:21; 1 Tim. 6:9-10**).
 3. What about our families? Our worship?
 4. Perspective (**Luke 12:15-21; 9:25**).

CONCLUSION:

LET'S NOT FORGET THE LORD'S WORK
(**1 Cor. 15:58**).