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**The Joy and
Challenge of Work
Various Proverbs**

Five Joys in Work

1) Work provides for our loved ones.

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

Proverbs 12:11

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

Proverbs 28:19

**A worker's appetite works for him; his
mouth urges him on.**

Proverbs 16:26

**Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be
watered.**

Proverbs 11:25

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Ephesians 4:28

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**But seek the welfare of the city where I
have sent you into exile, and pray to the
Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will
find your welfare.**

Jeremiah 29:7

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Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.”

Proverbs 22:29

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From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.

Proverbs 12:14

**and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind
your own affairs, and to work with your
hands, as we instructed you, 12 so that you
may walk properly before outsiders and be
dependent on no one**

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

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Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:22-24

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**Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but
whoever gathers little by little will increase
it.**

Proverbs 13:11

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The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:24

**Whoever is slothful will not roast his game,
but the diligent man will get precious
wealth.**

Proverbs 12:27

**Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and
an idle person will suffer hunger.**

Proverbs 19:15

