

The Blessed Life Session IV

“Putting the work of your hands First”

I. God Works

- A. Ps 8:3-4 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?
- B. Ps 90:16-17 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.
- C. Ge 2:1-2 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

II. Man was given a job

- A. Ge 2:15-20 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." 18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of

the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

B. Ge 3:17-19 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

C. Ex 20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

D. Ps 104:23 Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.

III. God gifts each of us with skills to improve life and to bless others.

A. Ex 35:30-35 And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, 32 to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. 34 "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver – those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

B. 1Ki 7:13-14 Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram* from Tyre. 14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work.

C. Jdg 13:12 Manoah said, "Now let Your words come to pass! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?"

IV. Should our Careers be a drag and drudgery?

A. Ecc 9:7-10 Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. 8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil. 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun. 10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

V. Will God aid us in our careers?

A. Dt 30:9-10 The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

VI. Is it better to establish a career and then marry or vice versa?

A. Pr 24:27 Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

B. Lam 3:27 It is good for a man to bear The yoke in his youth.

VII. Diligence Scriptures

A. Pr 18:9 He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

B. Pr 22:29 Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.

- C. Pr 14:23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter* leads only to poverty.
- D. Pr 10:4-5 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.
- E. Pr 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.
- F. Pr 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.
- G. Pr 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

VIII. Management the hyper diligence

A. Pr 27:23-27 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds; 24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations. 25 When the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, 26 The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field; 27 You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.