

Wisdom Talks About Work: Finding God's Purpose in Our Everyday Lives

Copyright © 2016 by Anna Joy Lowell

All Rights Reserved. This book contains material protected under International and Federal Laws. This E-book is intended for single family use or individual teacher use only. It may not be reproduced or transmitted outside of your immediate family or classroom by any means without permission from the author.

The purchaser of this E-book has permission to print unlimited copies of the family study and journal pages for immediate family or classroom use only.

Cover Image from Poxel Creative, Lightstock.com

Graphics and Borders by Educlips

Additional Borders by RebeccaB Designs

Mazes licensed from Mazegenerator.net

For more information on how to use this E-book, or to purchase additional studies in this series, please visit [Path Through the Narrow Gate.com](http://PathThroughtheNarrowGate.com)

Table of Contents:

1. Why is Work So Hard?
2. Work: God's Path of Blessing
3. Why Should You Work Hard?
4. Are You Complaining?
5. Boaz and Ruth: A Hard Working Couple
6. The Ant and the Sluggard
7. A Skilled Man
8. Skillful Workers
9. God Works a Miracle
10. Are You a Busybody?
11. A Servant Leader
12. The Blessing of Work
13. Doing Good Works
14. An Example to Follow
15. Honoring Those Who Work Among Us
16. "You Don't Have to Work Hard..."
17. Commit Your Works to the Lord
18. Work in Studying
19. A Child Who Studied God's Word
20. A Hard-Working Missionary
21. Can Work Become an Idol?
22. A Man Who Wouldn't Give Up!
23. A Man Who Wouldn't Give Up! (con't)
24. A Hard Working Woman
25. God's Work in Creation
26. Jesus Worked When We Could Not
27. Jesus Made Time for the Most Important Things
28. Jesus' Perfect Work
29. Jesus Finished His Work
30. Resting in Faith While Working for God's Glory

Wisdom Talks About WORK

Lesson One, Level Three

Why Is Work So Hard?

When somebody tells you that they have a job for you to do, are you excited? Or do you think, "Oh, boy, this is going to be hard/boring/not fun..."



Is work good or bad?

The Bible has an answer for this question.



Read Genesis 2:8-9 and Genesis 2:15-17

According to Genesis 2:15, God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it. In other words, God created Adam to do a job - to work! The work that God gave Adam to do was good work. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve did something that made their work really hard. They disobeyed God and sinned.

Read Genesis 3:17-19

Work changed, didn't it? Find the words that now describe work in the word search:

cursed
toil
thorns
thistles
sweat
death

e	r	i	h	o	l	s	l
l	e	t	a	c	a	n	s
l	i	h	d	u	t	r	o
s	r	o	t	r	i	o	h
s	e	l	t	s	i	h	t
l	w	s	w	e	a	t	a
t	c	h	r	d	e	c	e
s	t	s	e	t	n	o	d

Wisdom Talks About WORK

Lesson Two, Level Three

A Secret Code



In yesterday's lesson, we learned that God created people to work. Work is good, even though it is hard.

Today, we are going to read a Bible passage that tells us more about work. Read the passage below, then use the numbers to discover the secret message below about work.

Read Proverbs 10:1-5

People who work:

O₉bey and P₈lease their P₆arents₃ (vs 1)

Are D₂elivered from Death₇ (vs. 2)

Have F₄ood (vs. 3)

Have M₄oney (vs. 4)

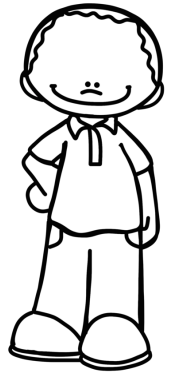
Gain R₁espect₅ (vs. 5)

W₄ ₁k is G₄ ₂' ₃ ₆ ₈ ₅ ₇

of ₉le₃ ₃ing

Super Secret Assignment:

Do you have a home to live in? Clothes to wear? Food to eat? If you do, I bet that you also have a mom and dad or someone who loves you and works really hard so that you can have these things. Write a note to this person today thanking them for working so hard for you. You can also pray and ask God to bless their work. Then, let them know that you are praying for their work in your note.



Wisdom Talks About WORK

Lesson Three, Level Three

Why Should You Work Hard?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 Colossians 3:23-25

1. According to these verses, why should we work hard? Who are we really working for?



Do you know what God is telling us in these verses? He is telling us that He sees our work and He cares about it. When we work, we need to be working for God.

2. How would you work if Jesus Christ were standing beside you, watching you work? Would you work differently than you normally do?

3. What are some areas of your life that you need to be working harder in? (for example, school work or chores)

Read Philippians 4:13

4. Who can help us to do better work? _____

Today I am thankful for: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Wisdom Talks About WORK

Lesson Four, Level Three

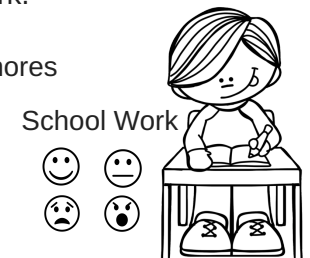
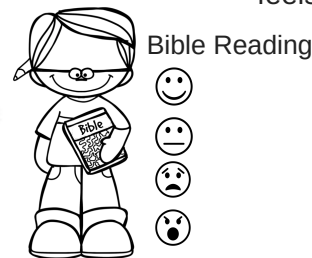
Are You Complaining?

In our last lesson, we learned that God sees our work and cares about it. We need to be doing our best work because we are working for God.

Read Colossians 3:12-17

Look in these verse and find four good attitudes that we need to have while we live and work (there are more than four):

When you work, are you working with these good attitudes? Or are you working with a complaining heart? Look at the pictures below, then circle the faces that show how your heart feels when you do that work.



Do you work with a good attitude or a complaining heart? Remember, God can help change your heart. Pray and ask Him to help you have a good attitude about work. Ask God to give you a heart that would delight in serving Him.