

Proverbs: Lessons in Wisdom from Solomon
The Foolishness of Entitlement
Proverbs 6:1-19

Life in the world that we have created requires us to work. Throughout history men have developed different views of work and created systems by which these views could be understood. While we can argue from a philosophical perspective the strengths and weaknesses of each of these systems, the Bible makes it clear—regardless of our worldview, laziness is not tolerated. It is not tolerated in our work. It is not tolerated in our service to the kingdom. It is not tolerated in our worship.

Prosperity will always require

_____, _____, and _____.

1. Work _____ us out of _____
2. Work _____ us for the _____
3. Work _____ in us good _____

God designed us to know Him and His will, but we cannot grasp what God has for us through the process of osmosis. Whether we are providing for our families, cultivating our marriages, or following Jesus, we must invest ourselves and our resources to do the work that is required. Only then will we experience the blessing of everlasting fellowship in the kingdom.

Reflection

Take some time to read Genesis 1:26-31 and Genesis 2:15. These verses remind us that everything in creation, even the work Adam was given to do, was good. He would find blessing in tending and keeping the garden. He would find blessing in exercising dominion over and caring for creation. How does our attitude towards work reflect our understanding of the gospel? How does our attitude at work promote or hinder the advancement of the gospel? How does our work ethic reflect a loving God? What steps must we take if our work ethic and attitude towards work reflects poorly on our witness for Christ?