

Wiser Living Thru Proverbs

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Becoming Wiser With My Work

Commit your work to the Lord, then it will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3 (TLB)

To Succeed at Work I:

- I) _____ God's direction.
- A) The Lord hates the gifts of the wicked but delights in the prayers of his people. Proverbs 15:8 (TLB)
 - B) Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful. Proverbs 16:20
 - C) Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness. Proverbs 13:16
 - D) You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail. Proverbs 19:21
- II) _____ and work hard.
- A) How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— ¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. Proverbs 6:9-11 (NIV)
 - B) But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest — then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber. Proverbs 6:9-11
 - C) The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied. Proverbs 13:4 (NIV)
 - D) Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper. Proverbs 13:4
- III) _____ my skills.
- A) Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed. Ecclesiastes 10:10
 - B) If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success. Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)
 - C) Ways you can sharpen your skills:
 - 1) _____.

2) _____.

D) Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success. Proverbs 15:22

E) People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray. Proverbs 10:17

IV) _____ with integrity.

A) People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall. Proverbs 10:9

B) The Lord hates the stubborn but delights in those who are good. Proverbs 11:20 (TLB)

C) The LORD detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity. Proverbs 11:20

D) Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. Proverbs 3:3-4

V) _____ the profit.

A) Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

B) It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself. Proverbs 11:24-25 (TLB)

C) Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:24-25

VI) _____ with it.

A) Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave. Proverbs 12:24

B) Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty. Proverbs 21:5 (TLB)

C) Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

D) Motivations to work:

1) _____ motivation.

2) _____ motivation.

3) _____ motivation.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24