



## Why Work?

Monday Morning Faith #1  
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### Why should I work?

#### 1. God created me to work.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **Genesis 2:15 (NIV)**

The best thing we can do is to enjoy eating, drinking, and working. I believe these are God's gifts to us. **Ecclesiastes 2:24 (CEV)**

#### 2. I work to meet my needs.

The one who stays on the job has food on the table... **Proverbs 12:11 (MSG)**

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. **1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)**

The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat. **2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)**

#### 3. My work builds my character.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? **Luke 16:10-11 (NIV)**

Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph's character. **Psalms 105:19 (NLT)**

'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' **Matthew 25:23 (NLT)**

#### 4. I work to help others.

Be honest and work hard, so you will have something to give to people in need. **Ephesians 4:28 (CEV)**

I've been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard, and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
**Acts 20:35 (NLT)**

#### 5. My work is my greatest testimony.

Take care of your own business, and do your own work as we have already told you. <sup>12</sup> If you do, then people who are not believers will respect you, and you will not have to depend on others for what you need. **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NCV)**

Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus. **Colossians 3:17 (NLT)**

#### 6. I work to build God's Kingdom.

Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all the other things. **Matthew 6:33 (TEV)**

Brothers and sisters, I know you remember how hard we worked. We worked night and day to support ourselves, so that we would not be a burden to anyone while we did the work of telling you God's good news. **1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ERV)**

Using the gift God gave me, I laid the foundation of that house like an expert builder. Others are building on that foundation, but all people should be careful how they build on it. <sup>11</sup> The foundation that has already been laid is Jesus Christ, and no one can lay down any other foundation. <sup>12</sup> But if people build on that foundation, using gold, silver, jewels, wood, grass, or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be clearly seen, because the Day of Judgment will make it visible. That Day will appear with fire, and the fire will test everyone's work to show what sort of work it was. <sup>14</sup> If the building that has been put on the foundation still stands, the builder will get a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the building is burned up, the builder will suffer loss. The builder will be saved, but it will be as one who escaped from a fire.

**1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NCV)**