



## How to Do Better On The Job God Gave You (2 Thessalonians 3:10–12)

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10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a **disorderly** manner, **not working** at all, but are **busybodies**. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. (NKJV)

### Two Important Observations

1. This is not a conversation about having a nine to five job. This conversation includes people without traditional jobs. Anybody in a family that looks to the family to provide for them should note this verse.
2. It's important to know that the word **disorderly** can be translated, irresponsible, lazy, undisciplined, idle, or to fail to discharge your obligation.

### I. Five Things That Can Determine Your Success at Work

- **Your Knowledge and Skills** (What do you know?)
  - You cannot do your work well if you do not understand.
  - You cannot teach others what you do not know
- **Your Desires** (What do your actions say you want out of life?)
  - Are you self-driven to master your job and progress in your work?
  - Do you still see your job as a great opportunity to improve your life?
- **Your Consistency** (Are you faithful?)
  - Timeliness (Success demands this if you have any level of responsibility)
  - Reliability (Can you be trusted?)
- **Your Support** (Who taught and mentored you?)
  - You need mentors
  - You need to be teachable

**Note:** Self-taught people who never surround themselves with smarter people will never reach their full potential

- **Your Grit** (This word can be defined as Passion and Perseverance)
  - **Read the book by Duckworth called Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance**



- **View her Ted Talk**

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## **II. Common Misperceptions Christians Can Have About Work**

1. God alone determines **what I will do and the salary I will make** (Galatians 6:7-9)
  2. God will grant me the desires of my heart **without the hard work to match** (Galatians 6:7-9)
  3. God prefers to **bleed a believer over a sinner** even if the believer is not as prepared (John 3:16)
  4. God will continue to advance me **even if I don't work** to advance myself (Galatians 6:7-9)
- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And **let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.** 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (NKJV)

### **In Conclusion:**

#### **III. Seven Things That Helped Me In My Work-Life**

1. I believe in **upgrading** myself so that I give God something to work with
2. I believe in having a **specific list** of things I want **in and out** of my life
3. I believe in **timeliness**, setting specific business goals for my future
4. I believe in **planning** early and being honest about what is in front of me
5. I believe in working with a **good attitude** that makes it easy for people to work with me
6. I believe in **sharing** the limelight and **helping others** advance
7. I believe in being **honest** about the things that **hinder** me from achieving success

### **Next Time: Dealing With Team Issues (Learning How to Play Well With Others)**

- Some families, churches, businesses, cultures, and nations will never see their full potential because they don't team well together. Does your family give, serve, and fight well together? How well do you play with others? This series will help us get ready to build a new future. Getting on the right path is one thing, building and prospering long-term is another.