

# Proverbs: Wisdom for Work | Proverbs 1:20-21, 12:10-11, 20:23

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Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice;
at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

#### Proverbs 12:1

**12** Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

# Proverbs 12:10-11

Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.
Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

#### Proverbs 20:23

<sup>23</sup> Unequal weights are an abomination to the Lord, and false scales are not good.

Approach #1: Working for the weekend



# ok this is ridiculous we have to lower the retirement age to 28

### Approach #2: Work is my purpose

"So what happens when millennials start the actual search for that holy grail career — and start "adulting" — but it doesn't feel at all like the dream that had been promised?...
...[It all] culminates in the dominant millennial condition, regardless of class or race or location:
burnout." —Anne Helen Petersen

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer." –Jim Carrey

# An Alternative Reason to Work

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Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth...

... 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

# An Alternative Way to Work

### **Work Hard with Focus**

#### Proverbs 12:11

<sup>11</sup> Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

# **Work with Patience**

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#### Work with a Teachable Attitude

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**12** Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

# Work with Integrity

#### Proverbs 20:23

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# **Work with Justice and Mercy**

#### Proverbs 12:10

<sup>10</sup> Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.