

## Working and how to make it work for you.

- I. Work as if you own the place ----- You just may someday if you do!
- a. (Titus 2: 9-10) Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; {10} Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

*“Servants” could be “employees” for today’s purpose. They are to share the owner’s vision, (Please them well) they are not to “answer again” (Talk back), they are not to “purloin” (steal money or time) and they are not to show all “good fidelity” that means faithfulness and dependability and support. ( These two verses should be posted in all businesses !!)*

### II. Organizational skills first.

- a. Be on time... For work or for anything else! If you don’t respect other people’s time - they won’t respect and or promote you. If you cannot be early or on time just stay home.
- b. Don’t let your boss hear you say “I forgot” more than once.
1. Make what that person says an important item to you, and follow it through.

### III. Treat everyone you work with fairly. **But don’t expect the same in return.**

The Lord gives the increase, not man.

- a. **“You can have anything in life you want, if you just help enough other people get what they want,”** Zig Ziggler.
- b. Even if you are just sweeping floors, do it with all the enthusiasm you can muster. You don’t know who is watching you, or how it will effect their opinion of you.
1. God is watching! (Heb 4:13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

IV. You can only work with your hands so much, 60 to 80 hours a week comfortably. After that you have to work with your mind, or get others to work for you to gain in the monetary end of things. Early in the morning write down ideas that come to you...solutions for problems you have and ways to make money.

### V. Extra work income should go into the “my money” kitty not the “want” or “bill” category.

- a. You know what is wrong with paying off your bills? Most think that this gives them room to take on new ones.
1. Debt consolidation loans are the worst thing you can do to get ahead. It’s like putting a fresh chocolate cake on the table every day when you are on a diet. Sooner or later you are going to give into temptation.

### VII. It really does not matter how much money you make. It is how much you keep that can work for you that is the big deal.

- a. If you are afraid to spend it for gain then you may be in love with your money.

- b. The greatest risk in life, as far as finance, is not ever taking one.
- c. Some people think they need to be poor to stay close to God.
- d. Satan keeps some people rich to keep them from God.
  - 1. If they are rich they think, "Who needs God?"

VIII. People who do not treat other people fairly will not be treated fairly by Man or blessed by God..

- a. Do you think God will give you favor if you cheat him in any way?
  - 1. Break his commandments.
  - 2. Cheat other people.
  - 3. Don't Tithe. Money and Time.
  - 4. Don't give to the poor.

b. God has ALL THE POWER, ALL THE GOLD, ALL THE ANSWERS.

*(PS 111:10) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.*

IX. Work all the hours that they will give you. If you are self employed then, "make hay while the sun shines." When things slow down a little, you can always catch up on other things.

a. I have heard people say, "I'm not working any over time, the government gets it all anyway." This is just not true. You will get back the "lions share" of the extra tax you payed in at year end.

b. Try this statement instead – "I hope I will pay twice as much taxes next year!"

1. At a later date you can work on keeping what is yours. Sheltering income from Tax. (Not easy in the middle class, working a 9 to 5er)

c. Don't take advantage of sick days, or personal days. These cost you thousands of brownie points with the boss.

d. God promises to bless honest and hard work, but the lazy will suffer.

*(Job 1:10) Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increase in the land.*

X. Don't be too miserly. Make sure you and your spouse agree on what you are doing. Set up a prize for yourself. Reward yourselves for achieving your financial goals.

XI. If you have kids, and your wife would like to work, this can be a great financial boost and most people like a break from the "same old same old".

a. Try job sharing. (This is where two people go to apply for one job and they share the hours between them) The other person in the arrangement watches the kids, if there are any. One person is always there for you if you need to attend to family matters, or problems that come up.

b. Find a job you can do at home. Book Keeping, Realty, Insurance, Child care, etc.

c. When all the kids are in school you can usually get a part time job for just a few hours a day while the kids are in school. (Just make sure the boss knows that there may be times when you have to attend to your family's needs.)

XII. Throw your TV away.

a. It will allow your mind a time to think.

- b. It will give you much more quality time with your family.
- c. It will cause you to make more money...if you try to intentionally.

1. Twenty years ago I tossed out my TV. My wife thought I had lost it. That was the beginning of my way to financial freedom.

- d. Teach your children to work hard.

(Prov 20:11) Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

XIII. Your Job is important for many reasons. "Don't quit your day job just yet."

- a. Let your mind think about owning the business you work at.

1. Try to learn as much as the boss will let you about the whole operation.

2. Take as many opportunities as come your way, and do them with enthusiasm.

b. Don't work for money...work for the company. The money will come faster this way.

- c. Think about minding your own business.

d. Find a job that will teach you about a business that you would like to own. Even if it is just a part time "extra money" job at first.

- e. Don't worry about becoming a **Workaholic**, It is a very rear disease.

f. Christians should expect to work hard, provide for their own, and not depend on others.

(1 Th 4:11) And that ye study to be quiet, and to do **your own business**, and to work with your hands, as we commanded you;

(Rom 12:11) Not slothful in **business**; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

### **Close in Prayer!!**

Please write the name of the Stock you picked last week below for future reference.

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