

1. Work for our first parents

- a) What work assignment was given to Adam in the perfect environment of Eden? Genesis 2:15
- b) How did Adam’s work assignment change after he and his wife Eve disobeyed the clear command of their Creator? Genesis 3:17-19
- c) What did God mean when He said, “Cursed is the ground for your sake”?
- d) What important life lessons have you learned working in a garden or on a farm?

2. Blessing the work of our hands

- a) Deuteronomy 16:15 The LORD still promises to bless the work of our hands. What is necessary on our part in order for the LORD to bless the work of our hands?
- b) Where have you seen the LORD bless the work of someone’s hands?
- c) Share a time when you learned the value of hard work and saw God bless the work of your hands.

3. Excellence in our work

- a) What lesson can we learn from the experience of the artisans who constructed the earthly sanctuary? Exodus 35:30-35, 36:1-2

- b) Think of other Bible characters whose excellence in their work brought honor to God and blessing to others. Noah (Genesis 6:13-22), Joseph (Genesis 39:1-4, 21-23, 41:38-46), Dorcas (Acts 9:36-39), etc.
- c) Why is carelessness in our work never appropriate for a Christian? Matthew 7:12
- d) How can you bring glory to God in your current work situation? 1 Corinthians 10:31
- e) Who has been an important mentor for you as you strive for excellence in your work?
- f) When does striving for excellence at work become unhealthy?

4. How to cure a lazy person

- a) Why is laziness when it comes to work so dangerous? Proverbs 21:25
- b) What lesson can a lazy person learn from the ant? Proverbs 6:6-11
- c) What suggestion did the apostle Paul give as a possible cure for laziness? 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- d) What counsel would you give to a friend who says, “I just don’t feel like working—I don’t feel like doing anything!”?

