

Title: **"Work – One of God's Great Blessings!!!!"**

Scripture Text: Various

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:1-8, 15-23; 3:16-20;

Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:30; Colossians 3:17, 23

Introduction: How do you define work? How does God define work?

Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:30; Colossians 3:17, 23

How many hours of your week do you spend working? How much of your life do you spend working?

THESIS: "Work is designed by God to be one of His Great Blessings!!!!"

I. Work is God's Design for Us! God W_____! – God is a W_____!

God is involved in all aspects of our life and living and His work is in every area – the physical/material – spiritual – emotional – mental – He works in all arenas!

Genesis 1:31-2:4

Psalm 19:1-6; 72:18-19; 66:1-5

John 5:17

Colossians 1:16-18

Philippians 1:2-6; 2:12-13

II. Work is God's Design for Us! We are Created in the I_____ of God – We are His I_____ Bearers and as such are to be W_____!

Genesis 1:26-28, 31-2:4, 7-8; 15-20

WE OFTEN THINK OF "WORK" AS A "JOB" WE GO TO, BUT WORK IS REALLY A PART OF OUR WHOLE BEING [PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, RELATIONAL [*for instance – marriage, parenting – hard work*]] AND OUR WHOLE EXISTENCE [HOME – JOB – SHOPPING – RECREATION]

John 17:4; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

Exodus 20:8-11; 34:20-22; 1 Corinthians 4:1-4

huperetes (hoop-ay-ret'-ace); (to row); *an under-oarsman*, i.e. (generally subordinate): KJV: minister, officer, servant.

Ephesians 4:11-13; 2 Timothy 2:15

III. Work has always been God's Design but, because of the F_____ of Man – An I_____ in Work was God's Design/Plan in part to help check S_____ 's impact on us!

My Mom's Motto: Idle hands are the Devil's Workshop!

Genesis 3:16-20

Note the terms used: *cursed – thorns – thistles – sweat* [denoting exertion of hard, driving work or overworking] and ultimately death!

Ecclesiastes 4:4; Romans 8:20-23

2 Thessalonians 3:10-16; 2 Timothy 3:15-17

APPLICATION: Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:8-10