

Work Matters Survey: 30 Questions

Are you happy in your paid and unpaid work and study? Do you cope well with problems? Are you working for the right reasons? Most basically, how well do your views of work correspond to those of the Bible? In this survey biblical passages on work and related matters are presented and you are asked to state whether or not you believe the plain sense of the message, and whether or not it influences your work life (thoughts, words and deeds), and whether or not you hope it will influence you in the future, or more in the future if it already influences you.

Please answer Y for “yes”, N for “no” or U for “unsure”.

1. [Work ordained by God] So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:27-28

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2. [Work is futile apart from God] Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1

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3. [Acknowledge dependence on God for our work] And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us. Psalm 90:17

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4. [Work for self-fulfillment] Nothing *is* better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. Ecclesiastes 2:24

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5. [Be self-supporting] When you eat the labor of your hands, You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* well with you. Psalm 128:2

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6. [Work with thanks] And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17

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7. [Work as for the Lord] And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

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8. [Be dedicated] Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there* is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going. Ecclesiastes 9:10

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9. [Wages of sin] For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

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10. The wicked *man* does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness *will have* a sure reward. As righteousness *leads* to life, So he who pursues evil *pursues it* to his own death. Proverbs 11:18-19

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11. [Be responsible, accountable] And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. Luke 12: 47-48

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12. So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12

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13. [Use your gifts to benefit others and glorify God] As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

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14. [Develop your gifts] Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 1 Timothy 4: 14-15

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15. [God gives needed gifts] And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship ... Exodus 31:3

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16. [Share your possessions] Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Matthew 19:21

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17. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20: 35

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18. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Eph. 4: 28

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19. Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

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20. [Find wisdom and understanding] Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, And the man *who* gains understanding; For her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. Proverbs 3:13-14

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21. Buy the truth, and do not sell *it*, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding. Proverbs 23:23

I believe it [] ; It influences me [] ; I hope it will influence me (more) [] .

22. [Worry of leaders] (Moses said) Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden *is* too heavy for me. Numbers 11:13-14

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23. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

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24. [Stress and aim of study] And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. Ecclesiastes 1:13

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25. [Stress and its cure] Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad. Proverbs 12:25

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26. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. Psalm 102:2

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27. In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

Psalm 94:19

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28. Come to Me (Jesus), all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

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29. [Work and rest] A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; So shall your poverty come *like* a prowler. Proverbs 24:33

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30. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, ... Exodus 20: 8-10a

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Questions about you:

I worked for pay or profit last week: Yes [] ; No [] .

If yes, about how many hours? [] .

I was a student last week: Yes [] ; No [] .

If yes, about how many hours attending classes and doing homework? [] .

I did housework or yard work last week: Yes [] ; No [] .

If yes, about how many hours? [] .

I volunteer in my church: Yes [] ; No [] .

If yes, about how many hours last month? [] .

Thank you for your time, and may God richly bless your work and life.