

- 1. How do you understand the value of work, in general? How do you understand the value of your specific employment?**
- 2. Taking into consideration the physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of yourself, your “neighbor”, and your co-workers, how well do you manage your work?**
- 3. Is your work paycheck driven? passion driven? philanthropy driven? purpose driven?**
- 4. What changes might you need to make in your employment – or your attitude about your employment?**
- 5. How do you understand and value “work” after you have retired?**



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Genesis 2:1–2

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Genesis 2:15

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



Proverbs 6:6–8

Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler, it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.

Proverbs 12:11

Those who till their land will have plenty of food, but those who follow worthless pursuits have no sense.

Proverbs 14:23

In all toil there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.



Why Work – Paycheck Driven *by Robert Lewis*

Because I want to meet my needs and the needs of my family.

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Tim. 5:8)

Because I have to.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” (2 Thess. 3:10)



Why Work – Passion Driven *by Robert Lewis*

Because I desire to accomplish something meaningful to me.

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God (Eccl. 2:24)

Because I desire to have a certain standard of living.

Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. (Eccl. 5:19)



Why Work – Philanthropy Driven *by Robert Lewis*

Because I can earn money that I can give to help others.

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. (Eph. 4:28)

Because I seek to do something through my work that is helpful and of service to others.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet. 4:10)



**Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all
you can.**

John Wesley
"The Use of Money"





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