



Sermon Questions

Date: *September 4, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Work (see reverse)*

1. Read the passages from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. List all the things that fill your week you consider to be work. Which of those things give you life and joy? Which of those things drain you?
3. Over the past two weeks, we've addressed both the errors of laziness and workaholism. Which extreme do you tend toward? What parts of your life lean toward laziness? What parts lean toward workaholism?
4. Take some time to consider your own heart. Like the root of laziness, workaholism also stems from a "care" problem. What do you care about? What do you love? What do you fear? How does that motivate your work? This also could be a subconscious matter, so try to dig under the surface a bit. Does what you say you value actually line up with the way you live?
5. Both laziness and workaholism miss the mark on God's vision for work. How does God offer a better vision for work? Consider Pr 8:22-31 and Gen 1:1-2:3. How does Christ model this vision?

Inward Grace in Action

6. Assess where you need to adjust to align with wisdom. Do you need to intentionally rest more? Do you need to recommit yourself to diligent, excellent work? Find one area of your work this week to which you want to apply the wisdom of Proverbs.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1-2:3
- Psalm 90
- John 4
- Ephesians 4:17-32
- James 2:14-26

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for our Reston site as they launch next week! Pray specifically for JT, Timo, Ben, Melanie and their families as they work diligently at getting this site up and running!

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Pr 8:22-31 The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.

Pr 11:1 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD,
but a just weight is his delight.

Pr 22:22-29 Do not rob the poor, because he is poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate,
for the Lord will plead their cause
and rob of life those who rob them.
Make no friendship with a man given to anger,
nor go with a wrathful man,
lest you learn his ways
and entangle yourself in a snare.
Be not one of those who give pledges,
who put up security for debts.
If you have nothing with which to pay,
why should your bed be taken from under you?
Do not move the ancient landmark
that your fathers have set.
Do you see a man skillful in his work?
He will stand before kings;
he will not stand before obscure men.