The Purpose of Work
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1. Work Is Part of God's Original Design

Psalm 8:5-8, *"You have made man a little lower than God, and You crown him with glory and majesty! 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea."*

2. Work Becomes Difficult Because of Sin

Genesis 3:17-19, *"Then to Adam God said, "Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.*
18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; 19 by the sweat of your face you will eat bread."

3. Work Is a Platform for Worship

Colossians 3:23-24, *"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."*

1 Corinthians 10:31, *"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*

Ephesians 6:7, *"With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men."*

4. Work Advances God's Kingdom

Ephesians 2:10, *"We are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, *"If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread."*