

Six Keys to Success from Solomon: (2 Chron 2:1,5)

Work Avoiders, Work-Aholics, Successful Workers

God Introduced Work: Gen 1:26-28; 2:15-20

Sin Cursed our World and our Work: Gen 3:1-6

- Work was not the curse – Gen 2:16-17
- Gen 3:16-19 it would now take more effort.

We must understand work. Col 3:1,17 God's will for us. Col 3:23-24

So Why Work?

- **To serve the Lord:** 1Pet 1:1
- **Be a Witness:** Col 3:25
- **Support our families:** 2 Thes 3:10-12
- **Support the Lord's work:** 2 Cor 8:7-8; 1 Cor 16:2
- **Share with others:** Eph 4:28; 1 Jn 3:17-18; James 2:15-16
- **Support the Government:** We may cringe, but it is Bible
 - o Christ affirmed it: Lk 20:25
 - o Paul affirmed it: Rom 13:1-7
 - o Peter: our obedience as a witness 1 Pet 3:13-15

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- The **Attitude** they have regarding their work.
- The **Way** they do their work.
- The **Size** of project they are willing to take on.

1. **Work Enthusiastically:** **2 Sam 24:24** *Get out what you put into it, you only get 1 shot at it!*

- Do it with all your Might:** Ecc 9:10; 2 Chron 4:19-22
- Put Your heart in it:** Col 3:23
- Do it for God:** Col 3:22

2. **Work with Integrity:** Ecc 7:1; Prov 22:1

NOTE: Your work will come to light: 1 Cor 3:13-15

- Your lack of integrity will also come to light:** Num 32:23
- Your Integrity will prove itself in the longterm outcome:**
Lk 7:35, Prov 22:29

3. **Work Skillfully:**

- Do Beautiful Work:** 1 Kings 7:15-22
- Sharpen your Axe:** Ecc 10:10; James 1:5 Ask for help in areas where you are weak.
- Always be growing, Improving, Adapting:** Phil 3:12-14 *“Keep Pressing On” Illus: Teddy Roosevelt still had a book under his pillow the night he died.*
- Work Harder:** Ecc 10:10 *“Put to More Strength”*
 - Not everything is going to come easy:**
Heb 12:4 You may have to bleed a little *“You have not done everything within your power!”*
 - Show up early, Stay Late, Read extra on your own time!** PUT TO MORE STRENGTH!!!!
Prov 27:23
 - The difference between pro teams comes down to desire!** Desire! *“Who Wants It More?”*

4. **Work Efficiently: Work Smart:** (Ecc 3:1-8)

The Appropriate things at the Appropriate Time!

- Manager your Time:** Eph 5:15-16,
- Work Strategically:** Prov 10:4

5. **Work Cooperatively:** Ecc 4:9-12 Involve Others:

Life is a journey, take someone along! (2 Chron 2:3,8-9)

- Build a Team:** (Phil 3:16)
 - (2 Chron 2:7) *He recruited talented people.*
- Work together:** Eph 4:3; 2 Chron 2:17-18

6. **Work Persistently:** (Ecc 11:6) *Plant all the Seed!*

- Some of your effort will pay off Big!** (Mark 4:8)
- 10% Oil Wells Produce.
- 40% Baseball players make it to 1st.
- 60% Basketball players hit the bucket.
- If 1st you don't succeed, Welcome to the Human Race.
- Don't quit:** (Ecc 9:4, Gal 6:9)