

V. **MANAGE YOUR TIME**

A. Advancing workers carefully **invest** their time.

*“5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*

*6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

B. It is a **sin** to waste your time because to waste your time is to waste your **life**.

*“He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.”* Proverbs 18:9

C. Make the **most** of your time each day.

*“Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.”* Proverbs 27:1

VI. **RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO QUIT**

A. Advancing workers are not **perfect**, but they are **persistent**.

*“The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man’s precious possession.”* Proverbs 12:27

B. A person can **fail** many times, but they are not a **failure** until they quit.

*“For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.”* Proverbs 24:16

**ARE YOU TAKING GOD TO WORK?**

**TAKING GOD TO WORK  
The Keys To Lasting Success**

How To Advance Your Career  
**Pastor Steve Reynolds**

**INTRODUCTION**

A. Work. For most of us it’s a necessity. For some it’s a passion. And for others it’s the pits. But for all of us it can be so much better when we take God to work.

*“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men ”* Colossians 3:23

B. Imagine the impact in our lives if through this campaign we all learned how to take God to work and apply the keys to lasting success. Join us as Pastor Steve Reynolds reveals the keys to lasting success.

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C. **TEXT:** Proverbs 16:3 (Pew Bible/Pg. 631/Old Testament)

Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, was the wisest man to ever live. The book of Proverbs is a collection of short, pithy statements of wisdom. We are going to look at six wise habits from Solomon that will help you advance your career.

## HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

### I. DEVELOP A PLAN

A. Advancing workers are visionaries that develop written short term and long term goals.

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”* Proverbs 29:18 KJV

B. State your goals in clear, concise short sentences, and then develop an action plan to fulfill them.

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.”* Proverbs 21:5

### BE SURE THAT YOUR GOALS ARE “SMART”

Specific • Measurable • Achievable • Resources assigned • Time bound

### II. MAINTAIN TOTAL HONESTY

A. Advancing workers guard their integrity.

*“He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.”* Proverbs 10:9

B. The world looks on the outside and is interested in image, God looks on the inside and is interested in integrity.

*“Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.”* Proverbs 13:11

The most prominent form of dishonest action in Proverbs is the use of false weights and measures (Proverbs 11:1; 16:1; 20:10; 20:23). False weights and measures refer to a misrepresentation of yourself or a product being sold.

### III. WORK REALLY HARD

A. Advancing workers work hard and reap God’s rewards.

*“In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.”* Proverbs 14:23

B. Lazy people make excuses and blameshift.

*“13 The lazy man says, “There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!”*

*14 As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy man on his bed.”* Proverbs 26:13-14

### IV. KEEP ON GROWING

A. Advancing workers are life long learners who continue to grow through education.

*“The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”* Proverbs 18:15

B. How can you grow?

1. Grow thru the Bible (Proverbs 13:13).

*“He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.”*

2. Grow thru mentors (Proverbs 15:22).

*“Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.”*

3. Grow thru adversity (Proverbs 24:10).

*“If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.”*

4. Grow thru correction (Proverbs 13:18).

*“Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.”*

5. Grow thru mistakes (Proverbs 28:13).

*“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”*