

# Brotherly Love Works Hard

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 - February 11, 2024

1. Aspire to live quietly
2. Aspire to mind your own affairs
3. Aspire to work with your hands

2 Thessalonians 3:6–12

Why?

Why might we neglect hard work?

- 1. The flesh**
- 2. The curse**
- 3. Cultural pressures**
- 4. Government benefits**
- 5. Misguided zeal**
- 6. Immature eschatology**
- 7. Brotherly love**

# The Value of All of Our Work

## Genesis 1:26-28

- 1. All people were created to work**
- 2. Work should be understood broadly**

Work is caring for God's creation.

- a. Understanding**
  - b. Inventing**
  - c. Developing**
  - d. Raising**
  - e. Providing**
  - f. Relating**
  - g. Beautifying**
  - h. Governing**
  - i. Protecting**
  - j. Repairing**
- 3. Not everything is work**
    - a. Rest**
    - b. Leisure**
  - 4. We rebelled against God's call to care for His creation**
  - 5. Work has become painful**

**6. Jesus came to forgive us for our rebellion, restore us to God, and renew our opportunity to glorify God in every aspect of our work**

**7. God's truth about work:**

- a. Means that work is worship**
- b. Means that work is love**
- c. Gives guidance to those who are making career-related decisions**
- d. Gives tremendous value to much of our lives (Colossians 2:23-24)**
- e. Is dignifying**
- f. Is freeing**
- g. Is motivating**
- h. Confronts laziness (Proverbs 21:25)**
- i. Gives guidance to those who are able to earn more income than needed (Ephesians 4:28)**
- j. Gives guidance to those who have the opportunity to provide work for others**
- k. Gives a new perspective on your role in the local church**
- l. Integrates with the importance of the Great Commission**
- m. Allows you to rest**