

Summer Soul Searching WORK

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We find fulfillment in life through our WORK.

Genesis 2: 15 – The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Ecclesiastes 5: 18, 19 – This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them.

¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.

The Seven P's of Work

1. Passion

Ephesians 2: 10 – For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, *which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

2. People

Ephesians 4: 12 – ... to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

3. Possibilities

I Corinthians 16: 8, 9 – But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost,⁹ because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.

4. Productivity

Proverbs 14: 23 – All hard work brings a profit,
but mere talk leads only to poverty.

5. Precious

Psalms 139: 14 – I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

6. Peace

Ecclesiastes 5: 10 & 12 – Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

7. Praise

John 17: 4 – I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

Work is the avenue by which God renews us and makes our lives rewarding.

Hard work brings rewards.

Proverbs 12: 14