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### **Colossians 3:23-25** NIV

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

### **Ecclesiastes 9:10a**

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

### **Matthew 21:28-32**

New International Version (NIV)

#### **The Parable of the Two Sons**

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

<sup>29</sup> "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.



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## **Proverbs 6:6-11**

- <sup>6</sup> Go to the ant, you sluggard;  
consider its ways and be wise!
- <sup>7</sup> It has no commander,  
no overseer or ruler,
- <sup>8</sup> yet it stores its provisions in summer  
and gathers its food at harvest.
- <sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, you sluggard?  
When will you get up from your sleep?
- <sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest—
- <sup>11</sup> and poverty will come on you like a thief  
and scarcity like an armed man.

## **Proverbs 20:11**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

- <sup>11</sup>Even a child is known by his acts, whether [or not] what he does is pure and right.

## **Proverbs 19:15**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

- <sup>15</sup>Slothfulness casts one into a deep sleep, and the idle person shall suffer hunger.

## **Proverbs 21:25**

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- <sup>25</sup>The desire of the slothful kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.



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## **Proverbs 24:30-34**

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<sup>30</sup>I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

<sup>31</sup>And, behold, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles were covering its face, and its stone wall was broken down.

<sup>32</sup>Then I beheld and considered it well; I looked and received instruction.

<sup>33</sup>Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep--

<sup>34</sup>So shall your poverty come as a robber, and your want as an armed man.

## **Proverbs 31 NIV**

<sup>10</sup> **[b]**A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

<sup>11</sup> Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

<sup>12</sup> She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup> She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

<sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

<sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

<sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

<sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

<sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

<sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor



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and extends her hands to the needy.

## **Proverbs 31 (cont.) NIV**

- <sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her household;  
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
- <sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed;  
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- <sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate,  
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
- <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them,  
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.
- <sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup> "Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."
- <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- <sup>31</sup> Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.