

## Wisdom for the Workplace

**Text:** John 6:28 “Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”

**INTRODUCTION: Proverbs 14:23** “In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.”

**Did you know that no matter what your occupation, you are to be serving the Lord full-time?**

Wisdom for the workplace has two requirements:

**I. First, visualize your work as sacred - Colossians 3:23** “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,”

### **A. Be Productive –**

**Proverbs 10:4** “A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.” **Proverbs 12:14** “From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.” **Colossians 3:23** “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,” **Proverbs 18:9** “Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.”

### **B. Be Positive –**

**Proverbs 12:24** “The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.” **Proverbs 11:29** “Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.” **Philippians 2:14** “Do all things without grumbling or disputing,” **Philippians 2:15** “that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,” **Matthew 5:16** “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

## **II. Second, capitalize on opportunities to improve your skills.**

**Proverbs 22:29** “Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.” **Ecclesiastes 10:10** “If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.” **Colossians 4:5**; “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.” **1 Corinthians 10:31** “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

**CONCLUSION: (Numbers 21:8-9;)**

**John 12:32** “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”