

Practical Living

WORK

REST

& PLAY



A bit of context....

Our Created Purpose

Worship.....

God

Deut 6:13 *Worship the Lord your God, serve Him only.*

Use.....

Things

1 Tim 6:17 *put [your] hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

Gen 1:28 *Fill the earth and subdue it.*

Love.....

People

Matt 22:39 *Love your neighbour as yourself.*

Ourselves



What is Work?



fruit,

Genesis 1: 28

God blessed them and said
“Be fruitful and multiply”.

Genesis 3: 17

Cursed is the ground because
of you; through painful toil
you will eat of it all the days
of your life.

Our Attitude to Work

Proverbs 13:4

A sluggard's appetite is never filled.

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.

Proverbs 23:4

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.

Bone
Idle

Bare
minimum

**Work
to Live**

Live to
work

Workaholic

“Being”
is
better
than
“Doing”

Never
enough

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Love of
Money
or
Love of Self

Never
enough

Our Attitude to Work

1 Corinthians 10: 31

Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:23-24

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



When we get the balance wrong....

Worship.....

God

Use.....

Things

Love.....

People

Ourselves

Romans 1:25 *They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.*

Remember who's the Boss...

Romans 13:1

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

Colossians 3:22

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

The example of Daniel and friends.....

When opposition comes...

Daniel 3:18 we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.

Daniel 1:8

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself.

Don't allow your quest for a
Better Standard of Living
take priority over
Living a Better Standard!

Final thoughts...

not because of

- God went from Work to Rest. We are called from Rest to Work
- God has done it all.....
 - Genesis 2:1 “Thus the heavens and the earth were **completed** in all their vast array.”
 - John 19:30 “It is **finished!**”
- The focus is not on our Work, but the fruit we bear.
- Everything belongs to God, but he’s put us in temporary charge on earth.
- We are answerable only to him.
- What fruit are you bearing?

what I've done