



# **What Are You Working For?**

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# 1 Thessalonians 1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. <sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you

# 1 Thessalonians 1 (NIV)

in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

# James 5 (CEV)

<sup>1</sup>You rich people should cry and weep! Terrible things are going to happen to you.... Yet you keep on storing up wealth in these last days. <sup>4</sup>You refused to pay the people who worked in your fields,

## **James 5 (CEV)**

and now their unpaid wages are shouting out against you. The Lord All-Powerful has surely heard the cries of the workers who harvested your crops....

# What Does This Mean? For the Pandemic Unemployed



# What Does This Mean? For the Pandemic Essential Workers





**Work Is Supposed to Be  
A Gift from God**







# **So What Are You Working For?**

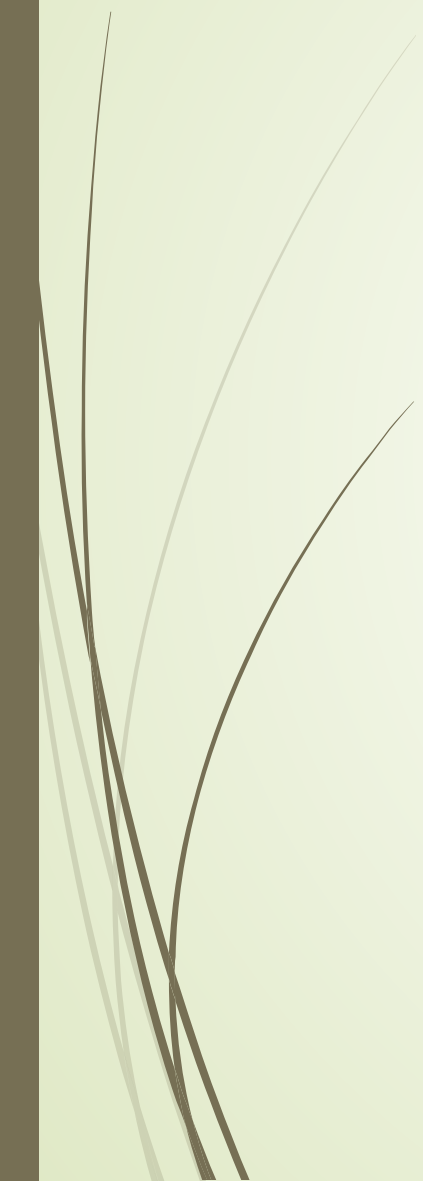



## Paul Commends

- Work produced by faith
- Labor prompted by love
- Endurance inspired by  
hope

# 1 Thessalonians 2 (CEV)

9 My dear friends, you surely haven't forgotten our hard work and hardships. You remember how night and day we struggled to make a living, so that we could tell you God's message without being a burden to anyone.



# **Why Do People Labor and Toil?**



# The Loss (Fear of)



# Matthew 6

<sup>30</sup>Why do you have such little faith?

<sup>31</sup>Don't worry and ask yourselves,

"Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" <sup>32</sup>Only

people who don't know God are always worrying

## Matthew 6

about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. <sup>33</sup>But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

# The Lucre (Lust for)

FOR THE LOVE OF  
**MONEY**  
IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF  
**EVIL.**  
SOME PEOPLE EAGER FOR MONEY,  
HAVE WONDERED FROM THE  
**FAITH**  
AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH  
**MANY GRIEFS.**

— 1 TIMOTHY 6:10 —





## Luke 9 (CEV)

...<sup>23</sup>If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me. <sup>24</sup>If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life

## Luke 9 (CEV)

for me, you will save it. <sup>25</sup>What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself or waste your life?

# The Love

# LABOR OF LOVE

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

