

WISE PEOPLE WORK HARD

Proverbs 12:11

- *"A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies has no sense."* (Proverbs 12:11)
- "Affirmation without discipline is the beginning of delusion." ~ Jim Rohn
- **Hard work only works if we're working hard at the right thing.**
- **There are rewards that come from hard work and consequences from avoiding hard work.**
- "A man who will not do well in his present place because he longs to be higher is already too high and should be put lower."- Charles Spurgeon
- ***What are the Biblical requirements for being a hard worker?***

Hard Workers Develop their Reputation By:

PRIORITIZING THE <u>LORD</u> IN THEIR WORK

- **Many people today have forsaken the value of "hard work" because they forgot who they're working for.**
- *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."* (Colossians 3:23)
- **Real Christians don't see themselves as working just for their earthly boss, they see themselves as working hard for the Lord.**
- **When we struggle with our manager or boss, we need to look past the person, and see the position God placed them in our life.**
- "God's work done God's way never lacks God's supply!" - Hudson Taylor
- ***What are some changes I would make if I really believed I was working for the Lord?***

Hard Workers Develop Their Reputation By:

CREATING HEALTHY <u>ROUTINES</u>

- *"Whoever practices discipline is on the way to life."* (Proverbs 10:17)

- **“Discipline” is taking the steps we need to take in various areas of our lives so we can experience the best results.**
- “You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine." - John Maxwell
- **Discipline creates habits, habits create routines, and routines determine who you are.**
- “Desires don't determine who you become. Disciplines determine who you become.” - Craig Groeschel
- **When we have discipline in our life, we will make small sacrifices in the present for a better life in the future.**
- *“Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”* (1 Timothy 4:7).
- “Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.” - Jim Rohn

Hard Workers Develop Their Reputation By:

HAVING A GOOD <u>ATTITUDE</u>

- **Our attention determines our attitude and your attitude determines your altitude.**
- *“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”* (Philippians 2:4-5)
- **A bad attitude is like a flat tire; we won't get anywhere until we change it.**

Hard Workers Develop Their Reputation By:

ORGANIZING THEIR <u>EFFORTS</u>

- *“Good planning and <u>hard work lead to prosperity</u>, ”* (Proverbs 21:5)
- **We need to tell our time where to go by scheduling our day, week, and month ahead of time.**
- *Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.”* (Proverbs 16:3)
- “Failing to plan is planning to fail.” - Anonymous
- *"We should make plans -- counting on God to direct us."* (Proverbs 16:9 LB)
- “If God is your partner, make no little plans.” - D.L. Moody

Hard Workers Develop Their Reputation By:

GOING THE EXTRA <u>MILE</u>

- *“Do you know a hard-working man? He shall be successful . . .”* (Proverbs 22:29)
- **We should never let our current position dictate our effort.**
- “People might not get all they work for in this world, but they must certainly work for all they get.” - Frederick Douglass

Hard Workers Develop Their Reputation By:

WORKING ON <u>THEMSELVES</u>

- *“God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task with you is finished.”* (Philippians 1:6)
- **When God works on us, He wants more than our “spectation”, He wants our participation.**
- “Everyone wants the result of greatness but avoids the work required to get there.” - Kevin DeShazo

- ***What is the Lord communicating to me through this message, and what steps do I need to take to implement what I’ve learned into my life?***