

## **Work As Witness (Titus 2:9-10)**

**Introduction:** *Why do we work?*

(a) *It is the command of God (Exod 20)*

(b) *God himself worked six days and rested on the seventh.*

(c) *Work is our service to God (Col 3:23)*

(d) *Work benefits our employer, our family, the poor, and society (e.g. Prov 21:25-26, 1Tim 5:8)*

(e) *We're to receive a heavenly reward for our labor (Col 3:22-4:1)*

(f) *Work is how God cares and provides for us.*

“Work is holy; it is the hidden mask behind which the hidden God gives us what we need” (Luther).

### **1. We're to be obedient, well-pleasing, not answering back to authority (v. 9).**

1Cor 10:33, “I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1Thess 4:11, “Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders.”

1Thess 2:9, “For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God” (See 2Thess 3:7-9).

### **2. We're not to be pilfering but showing all good fidelity (v. 10a).**

Dan 6:4, “So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.”

Phil 2:15, “That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

## **Application**

**Question:** What if you can't, for whatever reason maintain this good testimony in your work?

**Question:** What if you've got to become a workaholic to stand out in your position?

## **Conclusion**

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