

Ephesians 4 (8-2-09)

A NEW WORK ETHIC

TEXT: Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, **nor of their thefts.**

Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor **thieves**, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 4:15 But let none of you **suffer** as a murderer, or **as a thief**, or as an evildoer, or as **a busybody** in other men's matters.

Proverbs 1:10 My son, **if sinners entice thee**, consent thou not.

11 If they say, **Come with us**, let us lay wait for blood, **let us lurk** privily for the innocent without cause:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall **fill our houses with spoil**:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

18 And they lay wait for their own blood; **they lurk** privily for their own lives.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you **disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.**

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and **have no company with him**, that he may be ashamed.

Proverbs 29:24 Whoso is **partner** with a thief hateth his own soul...

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but **rather let him labour**... _

Labor: "Toilsome work; pains; travail; any bodily exertion which is attended with fatigue..."
(Web., 1828)

Proverbs 14:23 In all **labour** there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

Penury: "You only have pennies!"

Proverbs 10:4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the **hand of the diligent** maketh rich.
Ecclesiastes 5:12 The sleep of a **labouring** man is sweet...

Ecclesiastes 10:15 The **labour** of the foolish **wearieth** every one of them, because he **knoweth not how to go to the city.**

Matthew 20:3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others **standing idle in the marketplace.**
4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard...

Matthew 20:5 Again he went out about the **sixth and ninth hour**, and did likewise.
6 And about the **eleventh hour** he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here **all the day** idle?

John 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not **twelve hours in the day?**

John 9:4 I must **work** the works of him that sent me, **while it is day:** the night cometh, when no man can work.

Psalms 104:23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to **his labour until the evening.**

Proverbs 19:15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep...

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, **do it with thy might...**

...working with his hands the thing which is good...

...that he may have to give to him that needeth...

"We should labour in order that we may have the means of doing good to others. It should be just as much a **matter of plan and purpose** to do this, as it is to labour in order to buy a goat, or to build a house, or to live comfortably... Yet how few are those who have any such end in view, or who pursue their daily toil definitely, that they may have something to give away."
(Barnes)

Matthew 11:5...and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and **the poor have the gospel preached to them.**

Ezekiel 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister **Sodom**, pride, fulness of bread, and **abundance of idleness** was in her and in her daughters, **neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.**