

HOW WINNERS WORK

Labor Day Emphasis

"Daniel so distinguished himself (at work) by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." Dan. 6:3

1. Work With Enthusiasm

"Do all things without grumbling or arguing, so that you may be blameless . . . shining like lights in a dark world." Phil. 2:14-15 (Ph)

"The lazy man is full of excuses. 'I can't go to work,' he says, 'If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed.'" Prov. 22:13 (LB)

What creates enthusiasm?

- The right match

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Rom. 12:6 (LB)

- The right motive

"Whatever your task is, put your whole heart and soul into it, as work done for the Lord, and not merely for men..." Col. 3:23 (Ph)

2. Insist On Integrity

"The man of integrity walks securely; but he who takes crooked paths will be found out." Prov. 10:9

"Depending on an unreliable person in a crisis is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot." Prov. 25:19 (GN)

"Obey your masters . . . not only when their eye is on you . . . but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord." Col. 3:22

3. Never Stop Learning

"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper." Prov. 19:8 (GN)

"The intelligent man is always open to new ideas - in fact, he looks for them." Prov. 18:15 (LB)

"If the ax is dull, and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success." Eccl. 10:10

Why Bother?

1. My work is a witness to the world

"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:16

2. I will give an account to God for how I used what He gave to me.

"The quality of each man's work will be seen, when the Day of Christ exposes it. For that Day's fire will reveal every man's work; the fire will test and show its real quality. If (it) survives, he will receive a reward, but if it burns up, he will lose it; but he himself will be saved." 1 Cor. 3:13-15 (GN)