

# TREASURE HUNTERS - Treasure Work

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## Biblical Implications:


- ✓ The true measure of good work: \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ✓ Work is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  
- ✓ Our motivation for good work is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ✓ God is pleased to bless \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ✓ God does not make a \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ is the ultimate example of a job well done.

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 Remember: We each have workplaces in our lives. God’s heart for diligence in our work is not limited only to a career and is not measured by money earned. It is measured by godly productivity that invites God into work for His glory.

## Further Reflection:

1. What are the specific workplaces in your life to which these Proverbs apply? Remember, the scope of our work is not just vocation or career.
2. In what ways are you grateful for your workplaces? How do you see work as a blessing from God?
3. Which biblical implication from the message challenges you the most? Why?
4. List a few specific ways (or ideas) to grow in that area?
5. What is an aspect of your life work that you could grow in skillfulness (Proverbs 22:29)? How could this growth be used by God in a special way?
6. Going Further: Read Galatians 5:22-23 (The Fruit of the Spirit). This is the rubric of our fruitfulness before others, including in our work. Imagine what it would look like to grow in one (or more) of these areas in your workplace?

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