

MANifesto:
I will pursue my God recklessly!
I will improve myself continually!
I will love my family unconditionally!
I will do my job excellently!

Genesis 2:15 HCSB

The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to **work it** and watch over it.

John 5:17 NLT

But Jesus replied, “My Father is **always working**, and so am I.”

Working hard keeps us out of trouble

2 Thessalonians 3:10-14 NCV

When we were with you, we gave you this rule: “Anyone who refuses to work should not eat.” We hear that some people in your group refuse to work. They do nothing but busy themselves in other people’s lives. We command those people and beg them in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and earn their own food. But you, brothers and sisters, never become tired of doing good. If some people do not obey what we tell you in this letter, then take note of them. Have nothing to do with them so they will feel ashamed.

Working hard honors God and rewards us

Colossians 3:23-25 NET

Whatever you are doing, work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people, because you know that you will receive your inheritance from the Lord as the reward. Serve the Lord Christ. For the one who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there are no exceptions.

Working hard earns us respect

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NLT

Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

Working hard leads us to more

Proverbs 14:23 HCSB

There is profit in all hard work, but endless talk leads only to poverty.

Working hard satisfies our soul

Proverbs 13:4 ESV

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

Proverbs 21:25 HCSB

A slacker’s craving will kill him because his hands refuse to work.

Response

I’m choosing to work hard at what God has given me to do!