

Scripture and Work

Throughout Scripture we see examples of God at work and people at work. Here are some of the most well known and important passages for study and reflection.

In the beginning, God worked and it was good

Genesis 1 to 2:2

God continues to work

Genesis 2:8-10

John 5:17

God's mandate for his co-workers

Genesis 1:26-28 and Gen 2:15

Galatians 4:7

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Work in the context of free will

Genesis 3:6 and Genesis 3:17-19

The cross reconciles all things (including work)

Colossians 1: 15-20

Working from the right motivation

Matthew 6:25-33

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10

Colossians 3:23,24

The parable of the talents/minas

Matthew 25:14-30

Luke 19:12-27

Some biblical stories, characters and role models relevant to work

Joseph: Genesis chapters 30 to 50

Bezalel: Exodus chapters 31 to 38, 2 Chronicles 1:5

Daniel: Daniel chapters 1 to 12

Boaz: Ruth chapters 2 to 4

The woman who fears the Lord: Proverbs 31:10-31

Paul: Acts 18:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

Aquila and Priscilla: Acts 18:1-3, Romans 16:3, 1 Corinthians 16:19, 2:Tim 4:19

...and (of course) Jesus the carpenter: Mark 6:3