

Why Work?

I Work to Profit

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In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty. —PROVERBS 14:23

Think about this: Profits matter.

...he who gathers by labor will increase. —PROVERBS 13:11b

Read Proverbs 6:6-11

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.

—PROVERBS 13:4 (NLT)

The laborer is worthy of his wages. —1TIMOTHY 5:18

P-R-O-F-I-T-S Matter

Productivity vs. Activity

He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, but he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.

—PROVERBS 12:11

Resource vs. Depletion

Opportunity vs. Limitations

Financial Stability vs. Debit

Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant of the lender. —PROVERBS 22:7 (NLT)

Independence vs. Dependence

Transference vs. Indulgence

If you are a thief, stop stealing. Begin using your hands for honest work, and then give generously to others in need. —EPHESIANS 4:28 (NLT)

Weigh this: It's not your profit margin but your profit motive that matters most.

- 1) The best solution is for business to make the maximum profit.
- 2) The best solution is for business to make the best profit possible while minimizing negative impact upon society.
- 3) The best solution is for business to make the best profit possible by choosing socially responsible activities as they build market share and customer loyalty.
- 4) The best solution is for business to make profits with an equal priority on social responsibility.

- 5) The best solution is for business to pursue social responsibility with enough profits to create sustainability. Taken from *Joy at Work*, by Bakke, Hendricks, and Smith

God hates cheating in the marketplace; He loves it when business is aboveboard. —PROVERBS 11:1 (The Message)

A just weight and balance are the Lord's; all the weights of the bag are His work. —PROVERBS 16:11 (NKJV)

The Lord demands fairness in every business deal; He sets the standard. —PROVERBS 16:11 (NLT)

"We are a nation that believes in having it all. In 1950, American families owned one car and saved for a second. In 2000, nearly 1 in 5 families owned 3 cars or more...

Americans shell out more for garbage bags than 90

of the world's 210 countries spend for everything. Indeed, America has doubled the number of shopping malls as it does high schools." —LINDA KULMAN, "Our Consuming Interest," *U.S. New and World Report*

"Nothing is enough for the man to whom enough is too little." —EPICURUS

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.

—ECCLESIASTES 5:10 (NIV)

Consider this: What are you trading for profits?

Beware! Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.

—LUKE 12:15 (NLT)

A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. So he said, "I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything. And I'll sit back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?" Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God. —LUKE 12:16-21 (NLT)

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