

Why Your Work Ethic Matters I Tim. 6:1-2

We should work in a way that protects God/Bible's reputation.

- Note how frequently a good work ethic is addressed: Eph. 6:5-8, Titus 2:9,10, Col. 3:23-25, I Pt. 2:18-20. Consider some of Jesus' parables like the accountant in Lk. 16 or the stewards in Lk. 19 and Matt. 25.
- Worthy of honor* 5:3,17) describes how to treat the one you work for. What are some ways we can honor/dishonor an employer?
- The reason for honoring our employer = if a believer has a bad work ethic, it reveals a theological problem that in turn can cause unbelievers to slander God's name (*blaspheme*, Rom. 2:24, Titus 2:5, Rev. 16:9) and our biblical worldview; instead, our work ethic should have a positive impact that makes Christianity appealing to the lost, Titus 2:9,10.

We should work in a way that promotes our employer's revenues.

- Don't disrespect but serve them all the more* = opposite of honoring.
- The reason for not disrespecting a believing boss is that he/she of all people should benefit from our efforts, Gal. 6:10.
- What might make a believer disrespect a believing boss? Note the opposite concern in I Pt. 2:18-20.

QUESTION: *How are you doing at your job?*

