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WORK AS AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

wkaaba GEN.2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had completed the work he had been doing; so on the seventh he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

wkaaba PS. 104:24-32 How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works. He looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.

wkaaba PS.111:2-3 Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures for ever.

wkaaba PS.145:4-7 One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

wkaaba JN.5:16-17 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, "My father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

AS A CONSEQUENTIAL ATTRIBUTE OF MAN

wkaabb GEN.1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

wkaabb GEN.2:4-7 When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up; the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the

ground.

wkaabb GEN.2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it.

wkaabb GEN.3:17-19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, so was his name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

wkaabb ECC.3:9-13 What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That every man may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure for ever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it, so men will revere him.

wkaabb ECC.3:22 So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

wkaabb ECC.5:18-20 Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labour under the sun during the few days of life God has given him - for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work - this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

wkaabb JN.6:28-29 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

WORK AS DEMONSTRATED IN MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.

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WORK REGARDING MAN AND WIFE

wkaabd GEN.2:18 & 20-22 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I

will make a helper suitable for him.....But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh.

wkaabd ECC.9:9-16 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labour under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

WORK REGARDING MAN AND HIS FAMILY

wkaabe PHIL.2:20-22 JBP I have nobody else with a genuine interest in your well-being. All the others seemed to be wrapped up in their own affairs and do not really care for the business of Jesus Christ, but as you know, Timothy has proved his worth working with me for the Gospel like a son with his father.

WORK REGARDING MAN AND HIS NEIGHBOUR

wkaabf ECC.4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no-one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

WARNINGS ABOUT WRONG PARTNERSHIPS

wkaabg EZRA.4:1-9 When the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were building a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel, they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families and said, "Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to him since the time of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." But Zerubbabel, Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, "You have no part with us in building a temple to our God. We alone will build it for the LORD, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus, the king of Persia, commanded us."

wkaabg 2COR.6:14-16 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?

EFFECT OF SIN ON WORK AND NECESSITY OF REDEMPTION.

wkaabh GEN.3:17-19 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, "You must not eat of it," Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

wkaabh GEN.3:23 So the Lord God banished him from the garden of Eden.

wkaabh ECC.4:7-8 Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" This too is meaningless - a miserable business!

wkaabh ECC.10:15 A fool's work wearies him; he does not know the way to town.

MAN'S WORK JUDGED BY GOD

wkaabi ECC.3:17 I thought in my heart, "God will bring to judgement both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed."

wkaabi ECC.5:15 Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labour that he can carry in his hand.

wkaabi I COR.3:10-15 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each should be careful how he builds. For no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

code wkab BIBLICAL TEACHING RELATING TO MOTIVATION AND DIRECTION

RIGHT MOTIVATION

- wkabca GEN.29:20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.
- wkabca NEH.4:6 So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.
- wkabca NEH.6.2-4 But they were scheming to harm me; so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying out a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.
- wkabca PS.37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
- wkabca PROV.16:3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
- wkabca ECC.9:9-10 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labour under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.
- wkabca PHIL.3:10-14 How changed are my ambitions....I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal - my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ.
- wkabca COL.3:17 (JBP) Whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it, as unto work done for God, and not merely for men - knowing that your real reward - a heavenly one, will come from God, since you are actually employed by Christ, and not just by your earthly master. >

RIGHT MOTIVATION - REVERENCE TO GOD

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- wkabcb ROM.12:11 <JBP> Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work and let us keep the fires of the Spirit burning as we do our work for God.

- wkabcb EPH.6:5-8 (JBP) Slaves obey your human masters sincerely with a proper sense of respect and responsibility, as service rendered to Christ Himself, not with the idea of currying favour with men, but as the servant of Christ conscientiously what you believe to be the will of God for you. You may be sure that God will reward a man for good work, irrespective of whether the man be slave or free.
- wkabcb EPH.6:9 As for you employers, be conscientious and responsible towards those who serve you, neither misusing the power over others that has been put in your hands, nor forgetting that you are responsible yourselves to a Heavenly employer who makes no distinction between master and man.
- wkabcb COL.3:17 (JBP) And whatever work you may have to do, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the father through him.

RIGHT MOTIVATION - OBEDIENCE TO GOD

- wkabcc GEN.6:11-22 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." Noah did everything just as God commanded him.
- wkabcc NEH.6:15-16 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When our enemies heard all about this and all the surrounding nations saw it, our enemies lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.
- wkabcc ECC.2:24-26 A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

- wkabcc HAG.2:3-5 Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? And how does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. 'Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'And work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'
- wkabcc JN.4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."
- wkabcc PHIL.3:10-14 How changed are my ambitions....I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal - my reward the honour of being called by God in Christ.

RIGHT MOTIVATION - STEWARDSHIP

- wkabcd MK.13:32-37 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house in charge of his servants, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

WRONG MOTIVATION - IDOLATRY

- wkabce ISA.44:12-17 The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint. The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in the form of man, of man in all his glory, that it may dwell in a shrine. He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow. It is man's fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it. Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm; I see the fire." From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships.

WRONG MOTIVATION - MATERIALISM, GREED, OPPRESSION

wkabcf ECC.5:12 The sleep of a labourer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

wkabcf JER.22:13 Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing.

WRONG MOTIVATIONS - WRONG GOALS

wkabcg GEN.11:1-9 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar instead of mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

wkabcg ECC.2:17-23 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun is grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labour under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labours under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

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wkabcg ISA.55:2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?

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for the business of Jesus Christ, But as you know, Timothy has proved his worth working with me for the Gospel like a son with his father.

EFFECT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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EFFECT OF DISCOURAGEMENT

wkabci EZRA.4:4-5 Then the people around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and made them afraid to go on building. They hired counsellors to work against them and frustrate their plans during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.

wkabci NEH.4:10-12 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the labourers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn they will attack us."

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WORK - wkac - BIBLICAL TEACHING ON LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

GOOD LEADERSHIP

wkaccj NEH.4:16-23 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work. From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armour. The officers posted themselves behind all the people who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me. Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!" So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. At that time I also said to the people, "Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so that they can serve us as guards by night and workmen by day." Neither I, nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

wkaccj MK.10:43-45 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

wkaccj LUKE 22:24-27 Also a dispute rose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest. Jesus said to them, "The Kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is the greatest, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

wkaccj JOHN 13:3-5 Jesus knew that the father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

POOR LEADERSHIP

wkacck NEH.3:5 The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work.

wkacck ECC.10:16-17 Woe unto you, O land whose king was a servant and whose princes feast in the morning. Blessed are you, O land whose king is of noble birth and whose princes eat at a proper time - for strength and not for drunkenness.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ATTITUDES OF EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOYEES

wkacda GEN.29:25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this that you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

wkacda EXOD.20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

wkacda EX.21:2-6 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. but in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free. But if the servant declares, 'I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,' then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or door-post and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life."

wkacda EX:21:7-11 "If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as men-servants do. If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her. If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter. If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights. If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

wkacda EX.21:20-21 "If a man beats his male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies as a direct result, he must be punished, but he is not to be punished if the slave gets up after a day or two, since the slave is his property."

wkacda EX.21:26-27 "If a man hits a manservant or maidservant in the eye and destroys

it, he must let the servant go free to compensate for the eye. And if he knocks out the tooth of a manservant or maidservant, he must let the

servant go free to compensate for the tooth."

- wkacda EX.23:12 "Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do no work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well, may be refreshed.
- wkacda LEV.19:13 Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight.
- wkacda DEUT.5:12 Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.
- wkacda DEUT.15:12-15 If a fellow Hebrew, a man or woman, is sold to you and he serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free. And when you release him do not send him away empty-handed. Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your wine press. Give to him as the Lord your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.
- wkacda DEUT.16:9-12 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees.
- wkacda DEUT.24:14-15 Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether he is a brother Israelite or an alien living in one of your towns. Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and counting on it. Otherwise he may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.
- wkacda 1 KG.12:17 They replied, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favourable answer, they will always be your servants."
- wkacda JER.22:13 Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing.
- wkacda MATT.10:9-10 Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.

- wkacda LUKE 10:5-7 When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not it will return to you. Stay in that house eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages.
- wkacda LUKE 15:17-19 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'
- wkacda EPH.6:9 As for you employers, be conscientious and responsible towards those who serve you, neither misusing the power over others that has been put in your hands, nor forgetting that you are responsible yourselves to a Heavenly employer who makes no distinction between master and man.
- wkacda COL.4:1 Masters provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a master in heaven.
- wkacda 1 TIM.5:18 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the corn," and "The worker deserves his wages."
- wkacda JAS.5:4-5 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ATTITUDES OF EMPLOYEES TO EMPLOYERS

- wkacdb LUKE 3:14 Then some soldiers asked John, "And what should we do?" He replied, Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely - be content with your pay."
- wkacdb LUKE 16:13 No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.
- wkacdb EPH.6:5-8 <JBP> Slaves obey your human masters sincerely with a proper sense of respect and responsibility, as service rendered to Christ Himself, not with the idea of currying favour with men, but as the servant of Christ conscientiously what you believe to be the will of God for you. You may be sure that God will reward a man for good work, irrespective of whether the man be slave or free.
- wkacdb COL.3:23-24 <JBP> Whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into work done for God, and not merely for men - knowing that your real reward - a heavenly one, will come from God, since you are actually employed by Christ, and not just by your earthly master.

wkacdb TITUS 2:9-10 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teachings about God our Saviour attractive.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS TO OWN NEEDS

wkacdc ECC.4:4-6 And I saw that all labour and all achievement spring from man's envy of his neighbour. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. The fool folds his hands and ruins himself. Better one handful with tranquillity than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.

wkacdc 2 THESS.3:6-10 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

wkacdc TITUS.3:14 Our people must learn to devote themselves to what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

wkacdd EXOD.23:10-11 "For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vinyard and olive crop.

wkacdd DEUT. 14:28-29 At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of three year's produce and store it in your towns so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

wkacdd MATT.25:40 The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of

the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

wkacdd ACTS 20:33-35 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine supplied my

own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR HIS FAMILY

whacde MK.7:9-13. And *Jesus* said to them (*the Pharisees*) "You have a fine way of setting aside the commandments of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, 'Honour your father and mother.' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is a gift devoted to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your traditions that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

wkacde I TIM.5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

wkacde I TIM.5:16 If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.

RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL FOR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

wkacdf LUKE 16:10-12 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL FOR HONEST LABOUR, DIGNITY AND SELF-WORTH

wkacdg PROV.12:11 He who works the land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.

wkacdg EPH.4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

wkacdg 1 THES.4:12 <JBP> Be busy with your own affairs and do your work yourselves. The result will be a reputation for honesty in the world outside and an

honourable independence

wkacdg 2 TIM.2:6 The hard working farmer should be the first to receive a share

of the crops.

wkacdg TITUS 3:14 <JBP> And our people should learn to earn what they require by leading an honest life and so be self-supporting

wkacdg 2 THESS.3:11-13 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy: they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ, to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

WORK wkad

PRACTICAL ISSUES AND EXAMPLES

PRACTICAL DIRECTIVES

wkadea GEN.3:17-19 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, "You must not eat of it," Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

wkadea Then the LORD said to Moses, "What is that in your hand?"

wkadea PROV.28:19 He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

wkadea ECC.11:4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

wkadea ECC.11:6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

wkadea ECC.19:10 If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success,

wkadea LUKE.13:10-16 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work, so come and

be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

EXAMPLES OF RIGHT WORK

wkadeb ISA.28:23-29 Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say. When a farmer ploughs for planting, does he plough continually? Does he keep on breaking up and harrowing the soil? When he has leveled the surface, does he not sow caraway and scatter cummin? Does he not plant wheat in its place, barley in its plot, and spelt in its field? His God instructs him and teaches him the right way. Caraway is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over cummin; caraway is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a stick. Grain must be ground to make bread; so one does not go on threshing for ever. Though he drives the wheels of his threshing cart over it, his horses do not grind it. All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, wonderful in council and magnificent in wisdom.

wkadeb 1COR.10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

CONDEMNATION OF IDLENESS

wkadec ECC.10:18 If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.

wkadec 2 THES.3:6-10 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

wkadec 2 THES.3:11-13 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy: they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ, to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

EXAMPLES OF INDUSTRY

wkadec PROV. 31:10-31 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and

portions for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her, "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

wkaded MK.6:2-3 "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter?"

wkaded ACT.9:36-39 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them....

wkaded ACT.18:1-3 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquilla, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

wkaded ACT 20:33-35 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is

more blessed to give than to receive.'

WORKING HOURS AND CONDITIONS

wkadee EXOD.34:21 Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest.

- wkadee PS.104:23 Then man goes out to his work, to his labour until evening.
- wkadee ECC.3:1-8 There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
- wkadee JOHN 9:4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work.

SABBATICAL ISSUES AND PROMISES

- wkadee GEN.2:1-9 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had completed the work he had been doing; so on the seventh he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.
- wkadee EXOD.20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- wkadee EXOD.23:12 "Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do no work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well, may be refreshed.
- wkadee EXOD.34:21 Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest.
- wkadee LEV.25:1-7 The LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest, a Sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. Whatever the land yields during the Sabbath year will be food for you - for yourself, your

manservant and maidservant, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

wkadev LEV.25:8-12 Count off seven Sabbaths of years - seven times seven years - so that the seven Sabbaths of years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month, on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.

wkadev DEUT.5:12-15 Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

wkadev NEH.10:31 When the neighbouring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day. Every seventh year we will forgo working the land and will cancel all debts.

wkadev NEH.13:15-18 In those days I saw men in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. Men from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Jerusalem. I rebuked the nobles of Jerusalem and said to them, "What is this wicked thing you are doing - desecrating the Sabbath day? Didn't your forefathers do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity on us and upon this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath."

wkadev NEH.13:19-22 When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day. Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all

kinds of goods spent the night outside Jerusalem. But I warned them, and said, "Why do you spend the night by the wall? If you do this again, I will lay my hands on you." From that time on they no longer came on the Sabbath. Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy.

wkadev ISA.56:2-7 Blessed is the man who does this, the man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps his hands from doing evil. Let no foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely exclude me from his people." And let not any eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree." For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant - to them I will give within my temples and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off. And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

wkadev ISA.58:13-14 If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's day holy day honourable, and if you honour it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

wkadev JER.17:21-27 This is what the LORD says: "Be careful not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or bring it through the gates of Jerusalem. Do not bring a load out of your houses or do any work on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers. Yet they did not listen or pay attention; they were stiff-necked and would not listen or respond to discipline. But if you are careful to obey me, declares the LORD, and bring no load through the gates of this city on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy by not doing any work on it, then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this city with their officials. They and their officials will come riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by the men of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited for ever. People will come from the towns of Judah and the villages around Jerusalem, from the territory of Benjamin and the western foothills, from the hill country and the Negev, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings, incense and thank-offerings to the house of the LORD. But if you do not obey me to keep the Sabbath day holy by not carrying any load as you come through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle an unquenchable fire in the gates of Jerusalem that will consume her fortresses."

Wkadev LUK.6:1-10 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and his disciples began to pick some ears of corn, rub them together in their hands and eat the grain. Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful for only priests to eat. And he also

gave some to his companions." Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man of Lord of the Sabbath." On another Sabbath he went into the

synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shrivelled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shrivelled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" He looked round at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But they were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

wkadeh LUK.13:10-16 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work, so come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

PERSEVERENCE WHEN UNDER FIRE

wkadeh EZRA'4:4-5 Then the people around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and made them afraid to go on building. They hired counsellors to work against them and frustrate their plans during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.

wkadeh NEH.6:9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, 'Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.' But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands"

wkadeh NEH.4:1-6 When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble - burned as they are?" Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building - even if a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their walls of stones!" Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up

their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown

insults in the face of the builders. So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

wkadeh NEH.4:10-12 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the labourers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn they will attack us." Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work.

wkadeh NEH.4:13-15 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

wkadeh NEH.6:5-9 Then the fifth time, Sanballat sent his assistant to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter in which was written: "It is reported among the nations - and Gershem says it is true - that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king, so come, let us confer together." I sent him this reply: "Nothing like what you are saying is happening, you are just making it up out of your head." They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."

wkadeh MAT.16:24-28 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

wkadeh LUKE 22:41-44 Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened.

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

wkadeh 2 COR.4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

wkadeh 2 COR.6:3-10 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way; in great endurance, in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger, in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as imposters; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything.

wkadeh 2 TIM.2:3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

wkadeh 2 TIM.4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

wkadeh HEB.12:7 Endure hardship and discipline, God is treating you as sons.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING WORK

wkadei GEN.2:1-2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested.

wkadei EXOD.39:32 So all the work on the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was completed. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses.

wkadei EZRA 6:14-15 So the elders of the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, a descendant of Iddo. They finished building the temple according to the command of the God of Israel and the decrees of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia. The temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of king Darius.

wkadei NEH.6:15 So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty two days.

wkadei ISA.55:10-11 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my

mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

wkadei MATT.5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

wkadei LUKE 9:62 Jesus replied, "No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

wkadei When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

wkadei 2 TIM.4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.