

Lessons About Work

1 Kings — Lessons from the Journey
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Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished his entire house.

1 Kings 7:1 | ESV

He built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. Its length was a hundred cubits and its breadth fifty cubits and its height thirty cubits, and it was built on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars.

1 Kings 7:2 | ESV

Be known for your work.

And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

1 Kings 7:13 | ESV

He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze. And he was full of wisdom, understanding, and skill for making any work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.

1 Kings 7:14 | ESV

“Now I have sent a skilled man, who has understanding, Hiram-abi, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre.”

2 Chronicles 2:13-14 | ESV

Do you see a man skillful in his work?
He will stand before kings;
he will not stand before obscure men.
Proverbs 22:29 | ESV

1. Work is for your good.

Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.
Ecclesiastes 5:19 | ESV

2. You should work if you are able.

For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
2 Thessalonians 3:11-12 | ESV

3. Work is rewarded accordingly.

A slack hand causes poverty,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
Proverbs 10:4 | ESV

“I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”
Jeremiah 17:10 | ESV

4. Be mindful in your work.

And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.
1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 | ESV

5. Work as if your BOSS is watching.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3:23-24 | ESV

Build up your reputation for working!

He cast two pillars of bronze. [...] He set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the south and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name Boaz.
1 Kings 7:15, 21 | ESV

Jachin — “YHWH establishes!”

Boaz — “In YHWY is strength!”

What are the pillars that your life is built on?