

Working values

1. What happened to Adam and Eve, concerning work, after they sinned?
2. Read Gen2:2. What did God do? Does an omnipotent God need to do this?
3. Jn 6:27 John records Jesus as saying
4. What does this tell us about our attitude to work?
5. 1 Cor 3:13 God will test the quality of
6. Whatever you do at it with all your might Col 3:23
7. If a person is lazy and won't work 2 Th 3:10 says as a consequence....
8. What does that say to welfare payments for unemployed people?
9. Is it OK for a boss to pay less than the going rate in wages? Lk 10:7
10. Are we only working to please the boss? Col 3:23
11. A vocation is *an occupation carried out more for its altruistic benefit than for income*. What does this definition from Wikipedia mean?
12. Luther taught that every person is to fulfil their divine call/vocation in everyday life and that vocations are not just callings to the priesthood. How can the work of a bus driver, perfume salesperson behind a counter, and a bricklayer be equal in the eyes of God and as important to the Kingdom of God as that of a missionary or minister?
13. What is a short-term ministry calling? What ministry activities could students undertake?
14. When you work you are in a position to pay a tithe. What is this and how can such a practise benefit you? Do many rich people tithe?
15. Muslims don't believe in *usury*. Find out the meaning of this word. Are Christians in finance allowed to practise this business activity? Ps 15:5 and Neh 5:10
16. What is meant by stock markets that claim their products are all *ethical investments*?
17. Is motherhood a vocation? Raising children and creating a home takes the woman out of the career ladder and can disadvantage her prospects on return to work years later. Is parenting then an obstacle to your career?

18. Does becoming a father impact your vocation? In what ways can this obstruct your career efforts?
19. There are many talents, not just one. See Matthew 25:1-30. Esther had exceptional beauty, Abraham was an entrepreneur of note, David a great military commander, Paul an academic and intellectual, Luke was a doctor with medical healing abilities. List talents that God gives people, e.g. gardening and growing, painting, cooking, mechanical, etc.
20. In the parable of the talents the recipient of the gift is held accountable for its use. What is the implication for us?
21. Is being a student at high school your current vocation? Col 3: 23 means we don't just do homework and study to please our teachers, who else do we strive to please in our school activities?
22. Write a letter to offer your services to an organisation that could use your help. Describe your abilities and why you would be of use to them.