

## Lesson 8. The Minister and His Work

Resources: Newheiser, J. (2008) Opening up Proverbs. Leominster: Day One Publications.

Barber, R. (2000) Profile of a Preacher. Murfreesboro: Sword of the Lord Publications.

### 10 Commandments of a lazy person (www.revivalministries.net)

1. You are born tired, so you must live to rest.
2. Love your bed as you love yourself.
3. If you find someone resting, help him.
4. Rest in the daytime so that you can sleep at night.
5. Work is sacred; don't touch it.
6. There is no need to do today what you can do tomorrow.
7. Work as little as you can; let someone else do your chores.
8. Calm down! No one has ever died because of resting too much.
9. When you feel the desire to work, lie down and wait for it to pass.
10. If working truly makes you healthy, let the sick people do it.

According to Jobstreet.com, the 5 most sought-after work ethics are

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Honesty

\_\_\_\_\_

Be fair and respectful

Be \_\_\_\_\_ and accountable

According to paycor.com

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Focus

\_\_\_\_\_

Professionalism

A desire to Improve

\_\_\_\_\_

Productivity

According to Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Appearance

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Communication

Cooperation

Organizational skill

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Respect

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- I. The Minister and his work
  - a. Gen 2:1-3
  - b. Eph 6:5-8

- II. Attributes of the \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Lazy (Pro 24:30-32)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work Is brother to him that is a great waster.
- d. Can't get out of \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Proverbs 26:14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, So doth the slothful upon his bed.
- f. Makes Excuses
- g. Proverbs 22:13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Proverbs 6:9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- j. He will \_\_\_\_\_ about work but not actually do it
- k. Proverbs 14:23 In all labour there is profit: But the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.
- l. He will be a beggar
- m. Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; Therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- n. Parable of the talents (Mt 25:14-26)

### III. Attributes of the diligent

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Worker (Pro 6:6-8)
  - i. Go to the Ant
  - ii. Does what needs to be done without being told
  - iii. Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
  - iv. Doesn't require supervision
  - v. Prepares for the future
- b. Pursues \_\_\_\_\_ in a noble manner (Pro 28:19)
- c. Keenly aware of what God has given him (Pro 27:23-24)
- d. He will have the ability to influence rulers having earned their respect. (Pro 22:29)
- e. He will be in charge (Pro 12:24)
- f. He will be at \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccl 5:12)

- IV. Practical How to's (Raymond Barber: Profile of a Preacher)
- a. Determine the immediate use of your time
  - b. Reduce or eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ on your time
  - c. arranged priorities by a fixed timetable
  - d. Decide allotted time for each task
  - e. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and let nothing supplant or interrupt it
  - f. Include leisure time
  - g. Spend your time as a conscientious worker. Get up early, work each day, be on time and stay on target.
  - h. Sort out your duties. No man will arrive at his destination until he knows where he's going.
  - i. Set up a \_\_\_\_\_. Every day's list should include "things to do." Stick to it.
  - j. Include in your schedule a day off. You had better take time for a cookout before you suffer a burnout.

"Just a Minute" (Raymond Barber: Profile of a Preacher)

I have only just a minute,

Only 60 seconds in it;

Forced upon me ---can't refuse it;

Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,

But it's up to me to use it.

I must suffer it if I lose it,

Give account if I abuse it.

Just a tiny little minute,

But eternity is in it.

"The Clock" (Raymond Barber: Profile of a Preacher)

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop-  
At late or early hour.  
Now is the only time you own;  
Live, love, toil with a will;  
Place not faith in tomorrow, for  
The clock may then be still.