

Work Day

Scripture Reading — Proverbs 6:6-11

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
Proverbs 6:6 —

Ants are intriguing. They are busy; they can carry incredible weight for their size; and they work well in community. It can be fascinating to watch them work.

Every once in a while I hear someone say, “I love work; I could watch it all day.” We smile at that because we understand we were not created just to watch work. God created us to do things—and we can’t just narrow that down to having a job or career, or to pursuing hobbies, sports, or other interests. While all of these things can be good, we can misuse them if our focus shifts away from God. God’s intent is for us to use all the resources he has given us in order to serve him and honor him with our whole lives.

We were created to be people who can contribute something by playing a role in community. Laziness or lack of involvement without reason just do not fit with what God has in mind. And when we don’t fit with what God has in mind, we lose something of what God intends us to be.

Our God is a worker. He created the universe, and through his Son the Lord is working to make all things new. We reflect God’s image as we use our hands and minds to answer God’s calling and do whatever our health and strength allow.

Thank God today for the work you can do.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we complain about the work we have to do, and sometimes we need rest. Help us to consider the ant and to honor you in all we do. Amen.

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