

**Answer Key:**

**Why Work?**

- reflection
- slothful
- honest
- representation
- Lord

**Seven Motivations to Work...**

1. Necessity
2. Prosperity

**God is seeing if you are trustworthy...**

- honestly      • tithe      • faithfully      • wisely      • generously
- 3. Identity
- 4. Maturity      • what
- 5. credibility
- 6. generosity
- 7. eternity      • heart / motivation
- doing it for

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**Your Work Matters!**

**Colossians 3:23 Message**

***"Whatever you do, do it wholeheartedly as though you were working for your real master and not merely for humans."***

**Introductory Statement**

***A lot of people feel like "nobodies" at work. Yet work dominates our lives. It defines our lives. It determines where we live, who we are going to have as friends, what we do with our lives, how we spend our time.***

**Why Work?**

- A working Christian is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a working God who created the universe and is still at work in our lives.
- Believers are not to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are to do \_\_\_\_\_ work and be hardworking in all we do.
- We must work with excellence and righteousness because we are a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Always remember when you are at work that you are working for the \_\_\_\_\_ and not man.

## Seven Motivations to Work...

1. It is out of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(To meet my needs)**

**Proverbs 12:11 Message**

*"The one who stays on the job has food on the table."*

**1 Timothy 5:8 NIV**

*"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."*

**2 Thessalonians 3:10 GWT**

*"Whoever doesn't want to work shouldn't be allowed to eat."*

## Seven Motivations to Work...

2. I am working out of \_\_\_\_\_ and that is I want to succeed financially.

**(You need to realize that God is not opposed to wealth.)**

**Proverbs 13:4 NLT**

*"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied."*

**Proverbs 13:11 NLT**

*"Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows."*

**God is seeing if you are trustworthy.**

- Make money \_\_\_\_\_.
- I make it honestly and I \_\_\_\_\_ it regularly.
  - Save it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Spend it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Share it \_\_\_\_\_.

**You make it quickly, you can lose it real quickly!**

## Seven Motivations to Work...

3. \_\_\_\_\_: to express my God given shape.

(We are all wired differently so that everything can get done.)

### Galatians 6:4 NLT

*"Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else."*

### Proverbs 12:27 Message

*"A lazy life is an empty life, but 'early to rise' gets the job done."*

### Proverbs 12:14 Message

*"Well-done work has its own reward."*

## SHAPE...

**S – Spiritual gifts**

**H – Heart.**

**A – Abilities**

**P – your Personality**

**E – Experiences**

### Think about your shape...

1. Are you **successful** at what you are doing?
2. Are you **satisfied** in what you are doing?

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## Seven Motivations to Work...

4. Work is a school for character development, it is called

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(I work to develop my character.)**

- God is far more interested in \_\_\_\_\_ you are than what you do.

**Psalm 105:19 NLT**

*"Until the time came to fulfill his word, the Lord tested Joseph's  
character."*

**Colossians 1:10 NCV**

*"Live the kind of life that honors and pleases the Lord in every way.  
You will produce fruit in every good work and grow in the  
knowledge of God."*

## Seven Motivations to Work...

5. \_\_\_\_\_.

**(It demonstrates what we believe. It's a testimony.)**

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NCV**

*"Take care of your own business, and do your own work... If you  
do, then people who are not believers will respect you*

**Why do I need credibility at work?**

- *It's to witness others.*
- *Our work is our witness.*

**Matthew 5:16 TEV**

*"Your light must shine before people, so they will see the good  
work you do and praise your Father in heaven."*

**Colossians 3:17 NLT**

*"Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord  
Jesus."*

## Seven Motivations to Work...

6. We must learn to give to others, it is called

\_\_\_\_\_.

**(I work to give to others.)**

**Ephesians 4:28 NIV**

***"...(We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that we may have something to share with those in need."***

**Acts 20:35 NLT**

***"I've been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard, and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"***

**Luke 12:48 NLT**

***"Much is required from those to whom much is given."***

## Seven Motivations to Work...

7. I will work to prepare for \_\_\_\_\_.

**(Now we come to the highest motivation for work.)**

**1 Corinthians 9:25 NIV**

***"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."***

- What you do is not nearly as important as why you do it – God's looking at your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who you are \_\_\_\_\_, you are doing it for *yourself* or you are doing it for **God**.

**Let me make this very clear.**

***There is nothing you can do on this planet that is going to earn your way into heaven!***