

## How Can Workers Glorify God at Work?

A brief answer from John Piper:

*Dependence.* Go to work utterly dependent on God (Proverbs 3:5-6; John 15:5). Without Him you can't breathe, move, think, feel, or talk. Not to mention to be spiritually influential. Get up in the morning and let God know your desperation for Him. Pray for help.

*Integrity.* Be absolutely and meticulously honest and trustworthy on the job. Be on time. Give a full day's work. "Thou shalt not steal." More people rob their employers by being slackers than by filching the petty cash.

*Skill.* Get good at what you do. God has given you not only the grace of integrity but the gift of skills. Treasure that gift and be a good steward of those skills. This growth in skill is built on dependence and integrity.

*Corporate shaping.* As you have influence and opportunity, shape the ethos of the workplace so that the structures and policies and expectations and aims move toward accordance with Christ.

*Impact.* Aim to help your company have an impact that is life-enhancing without being soul-destroying. Some industries have an impact that is destructive (e.g., porn, gambling, abortion, marketing scams, etc). But many can be helped to turn toward impact that is life-giving without being soul-ruining. As you have opportunity, work toward that.

*Communication.* Work places are webs of relationships. Relationships are possible through communication. Weave your Christian worldview into the normal communications of life. Don't hide your light under a basket. Put it on the stand. Winsomely. Naturally. Joyfully. Let those who love their salvation say continually, Great is the Lord! (see Psalm 40:16).

*Love.* Serve others. Be the one who volunteers first to go get the pizza. To drive the van. To organize the picnic. Take an interest in others at work. Be known as the one who cares not just about the light-hearted weekend tales, but the burdens of heavy and painful Monday mornings. Love your workmates, and point them to the great Burden Bearer.

*Money.* Work is where you make (and spend) money. It is all God's, not yours. You are a trustee. Turn your earning into the overflow of generosity in how you steward God's money. Don't work to earn to have. Work to earn to have to give and to invest in Christ-exalting ventures. Make your money speak of Christ as your supreme Treasure.

*Thanks.* Always give thanks to God for life and health and work and Jesus. Be a thankful person at work. Don't be among the complainers. Let your thankfulness to God overflow in a humble spirit of gratitude to others. Be known as the hope-filled, humble, thankful one at work.

From: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-to-glorify-god-at-work>



25 November 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Proverbs #5— Wisdom In Our Work

Work is an integral part of being made in God's image. Our work ought always to be directed towards God and His purposes. Understanding this helps us to neither idolize work nor be idle in work.

**Next Week:** Proverbs— The Woman who Feared the Lord

#### PROVERBS

Practical  
wisdom for  
everyday  
living.

## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	This Life I Live By Faith Surrender All
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Genesis 1:26-28; Proverbs 26:1-16; Colossians 3:22-24
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Ben Ho
<b>Song of Response</b>	Before You I Kneel

## Stay Connected

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$4,605.00
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

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## Prayer Points

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**PRAISE GOD FOR HIS INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY TOWARDS US!** Praise God that not only have we graciously been given the life of His Son, but His generosity and grace extends to multiple areas of our lives: relationally, emotionally, financially. Praise God that He provides it all, and provides out of His infinity wealth.

### PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE PEOPLE WHO REFLECT GOD'S GENEROSITY.

Ask God to help us have His heart—a heart of generosity, of sacrificial giving, of using our wealth for God's glory and growing of His Kingdom.

**PRAY FOR THE WORKERS** in our church to keep growing in wisdom to know how to work and rest (and play!) to the glory of God. Pray that we would keep Jesus and His gospel at the centre of our lives as we work daily.

**PRAY FOR EACH OTHER** as we enter into the holiday season, begin winding up work, and plan our time off. Pray that we would continue to persevere well in our work, our studies, and our planning, and to do all of this in a way which honours and glorifies God. Pray for safe travel for all.

Pray also that we not neglect to meet with other Christians even on holidays. Pray that our desire to gather together, sing our praises, and submit to God's Word would not wane.

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## Community News

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### YRS 1-6 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program for Yrs 1-6 are as below. Parents please encourage your children to pass the invitations that they have been given to their friends. For more information please email Grace at grace.phon@gmail.com

18 November 9-10:30am

25 November 9-12noon (Christmas party at St Lucia Playground Park from 11am)

2 December 9-10:30am

### BEALE UPRIGHT PIANO FOR SALE

We no longer use the upright piano on the stage and is looking at selling it. Should you be interested, please contact Winnie Wong at info@slechurch.org.au

### IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE 2019 | 14-18 JANUARY

Head to <https://ignitetrainingconference.com/> for registration and conference details.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Randy	Bryan
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
<b>Bible Read</b>	Andrew <i>Dan Lowe</i>	Jansen <i>Alice</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Eilen  Cecilia	Ethel  Georgie
<b>Wash Up</b>	Sunday YF	Clay
<b>Welcome</b>	Philip  Mee-Lan  Meng Yin  <i>Andrew</i>  <i>Marcus</i>  <i>Hui Xian</i>  <i>Joy</i>	Ken  Steph  Dan  <i>Marilyn</i>  <i>Sarah</i>  <i>Jessica</i>  <i>Joy</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Jeffrey  Jordan  <i>Stanley</i>  <i>Yong Seng</i>  <i>Aaron</i>	Richard    <i>Helen</i>  <i>Josh</i>  <i>Josiah</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Liesl	Liesl
<b>Guitar</b>	Joachim	Mark
<b>Bass</b>	Chuans	Aaron
<b>Drums</b>	Ivan	Ivan
<b>Vocal</b>	Sarah	Shaun
<b>PA</b>	William  <i>Jowin</i>	Li Wei  <i>Chris</i>

# Wisdom in Our Wealth [Proverbs]

1. Introduction: work defines (almost) all of life

TWO responses: IDOLATRY or IDLENESS

2. Overcoming IDOLATRY

A. Fear of the LORD

B. Why work?

i. For the good of this world

ii. To provide for ourselves and others

iii. To express love for God

iv. To express love for others

v. To promote the gospel

iv. To live out your faith

3. Over coming IDLENESS

A. Fear of the LORD

B. How work?

i. Not being a sluggard

ii. Working heartily

iii. Working on your walk

4. Conclusion