

How to Make Money the Old-Fashioned Way

(The key to working for fun and profit)
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"A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God," (Eccl 2:24)

We work because...

Working is God's original ideal.

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule . . .'" (Gen 1:28)

"Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.'" (John 5:17)

Working is God's way of meeting my needs.

"We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat." (2 Th 3:11)

"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." (1 Tim 5:8)

Working builds my character.

"'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because **you have been trustworthy** in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'" (Luke 19:17)

Working allows me to be generous.

"He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need." (Eph 4:28)

Working allows me make something.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph 2:10)

Working gives me self respect.

"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men." (Prov 22:29)

Working allows God to reward me.

"The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward." (Prov 11:18)

What is your earning potential?

What kind of help do you offer?

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

What kind of skills are you developing?

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Cor 12:4-7)

What kind of mindset are you showing?

"**Hard work brings prosperity**; playing around brings poverty. The man who wants to do right will get a rich reward. But the man who wants to get rich quick will quickly fail." (Prov 28:19-20)