



## “A Theology of Work”

PART 13 • Genesis 2:15

### INTRODUCTION

- why do you get up in the morning to work?
- God’s message to those who refuse to work

2 Thess. 3:6-12; 1 Tim. 5:8; Prov. 6:6-11; 21:25; Heb. 6:12

“It is swinish and sinful not to work.” – *Richard Baxter*

- the Puritan (Protestant) work ethic

### 1. *We work because we are made in God’s image.*

- “according to His likeness”

Gen. 1:26-27

- seeing God at work

Ex. 20:8-11  
Jn. 4:34; 5:17; 9:4-5

### 2. *We work because by it we glorify the Lord.*

- God expects (and demands) we do as we are commanded

Jn. 14:15, 21; 1 Jn. 2:3-4

- the work is secondary; my attitude in the work is primary

Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24

- God rewards those who serve Him in their work

Lk. 6:35

### 3. *We work because we benefit ourselves & others.*

- when did command Adam to work?

- to a degree, my work as unto the Lord preserves fallen man

2 Thess. 3:13

- your work unto the Lord is significant, effective, & productive