

HOW TO KEEP PROFESSION FROM BECOMING OBSESSION

Advancing Your Career - Part 5 of 6

Proverbs 23:4 "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint."

Ecclesiastes 10:15 (GN) "Only someone too stupid to find his way home would wear himself out with work."

I. WHY DO PEOPLE BECOME "WORKAHOLICS"?

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Psalms 55:2 "I am worn out by my worries."

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Ecclesiastes 4:4 (GN) "I've learned why people work so hard to succeed; it's because they envy the things their neighbors have."

II. GOD'S CURE FOR WORKAHOLISM

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1 John 3:1 (LB) "See how very much our Heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called his children - think of it - and we really are!"

Isaiah 43:4 God says, "You are precious in my sight."

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Ecclesiastes 3:13 (GN) "All of us should eat and drink and enjoy what we have worked for. It is God's gift."

1 Timothy 6:6-8 "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

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Exodus 20:9-10 (GN) "You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to Me. On that day no one is to work..."

Mark 6:31 "There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, `Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest awhile."

Psalms 127:2 (LB) "It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night... for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest."

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Mark 8:36-37 "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 (GN) "Anything I wanted, I got, I didn't deny myself any pleasure. I was proud of everything I had worked for... Then I thought about all I had done, and how hard I had worked doing it, and I realized it didn't mean a thing."

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Matthew 6:31-32 "Do not worry, saying, `What shall we eat... Or drink... Or wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows you need them."

Proverbs 14:30 (LB) "A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life."

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to me, all of you who are wearied and overburdened, and I will give you rest! Put on my yoke and learn from me... and you will find rest for your souls."