



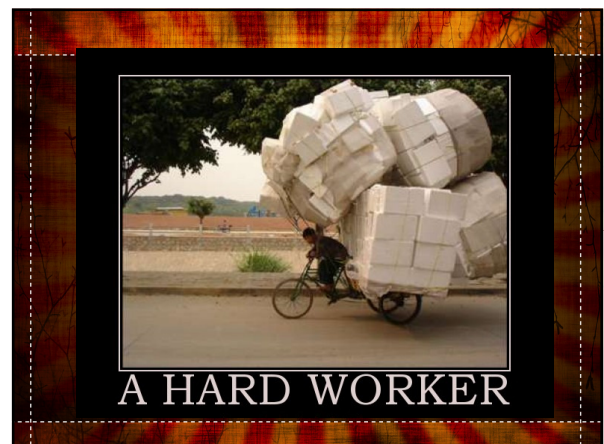
Summary

Our goal as parents as we see it through the lens of Proverbs is to teach to the heart. Wisdom comes from knowing the Lord in our hearts. Discipline is not based on behavior but on the motives of the heart. Today we will look at the heart in relation to work and obedience. These also are heart issues.



Questions:

1. How do we teach our children to be diligent workers?
2. Are busy children happy children? Why?





Proverbs
SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM

Proverbs 10:4-5

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.
He who gathers crops in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

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Proverbs 14:23

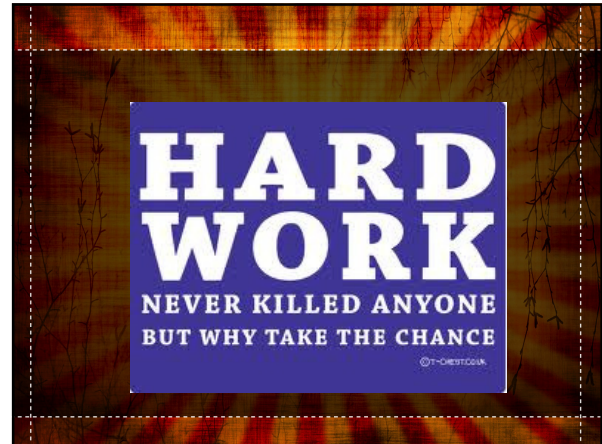
All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs
SEEKING GOD'S WISDOM

Proverbs 24:27

Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.





Proverbs 24:30-34

I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 26:13-16

The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!" As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.

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- Practice at home – "I Really Appreciate That" Game – each member of the family answers the question "One way in which I presently serve you is..."
 - Chores based on age (personal as well as for the family),
 - rewards for additional work (dessert, allowance),
 - developing skills (power tools, home improvement),
 - learning what a good effort means (quality work),
 - evaluation of a task well done.

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- Practice at home
- Practice outside of the home –
 - helping a neighbor,
 - carrying groceries at a store,
 - making a meal,
 - wash someone's car, etc.
- Teaches children to look outside themselves to serve others by loving others and helping them by learning to see a need and respond to it.

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- Modeling – children will catch what the parents throw.



Obedience & Honor

Questions:

- What does it mean to give honor?
- How should children honor their parents?