

## ***Becoming Successful on Your Job***

Proverbs 18:9, 6:6

God is interested in what you do for work; your prospects for the future are determined by your work ethic. I want to look at some work habits from the book of Proverbs, to avoid or acquire, if you want God's blessing.

In the last several years many people have developed some horrible work habits and work ethics. It is in economic times like these that bad habits are broken and poor work ethics are exposed. I envy the young person of today who is trying to enter the work force because they will develop great work habits and work ethics just by the fact that our recession will demand Godly work habits.

This week on MSN.com they came out with some startling statistics about unemployment broken down by age:

Adults over the age of 30 have an unemployment rate of \_\_\_\_\_%  
Adults under the age of 30 have an unemployment rate of \_\_\_\_\_%

Whether you are young or old we all need to visit once again the process of succeeding on the job.

### **I. Four Habits to Avoid**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ produces lack just as surely as a thief that robs you.

Below are four roots of laziness:

1. Lazy people are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Proverbs 24:30-34)
  - a. They have the "I'll do it \_\_\_\_\_" attitude.
2. Lazy people are \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain.
  - a. They complain, cut corners, cripple business, and cause \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Lazy people are \_\_\_\_\_ = they leave unfinished projects. (Proverbs 12:27)
  - a. Half built cupboards, half painted rooms, half tiled floors. Sound \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Lazy people are masters of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Proverbs 22:13)
  - a. Do you want me to get \_\_\_\_\_?
  - b. It is too nice outside to work.

Don't let laziness rob you of your work!  
What can we learn from the ant about productive work?

### **II. \_\_\_\_\_ has to get the ant out of bed.**

A. Micromanaging is not \_\_\_\_\_ for the ant.

1. The ant starts \_\_\_\_\_ and finishes \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The ant sets its \_\_\_\_\_ high standards.
3. The ant gets there on \_\_\_\_\_ every time.

B. The ant stores provisions in summer and gathers food at \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The ant doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ money on doodads.
2. The ant works hard for the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Weather conditions do not \_\_\_\_\_ the ant's work ethic.

C. The ant is not a disorganized \_\_\_\_\_ looking for something to do.

1. The ant is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The ant is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The ant is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Conclusion**

1. If you are working now, do your job " \_\_\_\_\_ as to the Lord."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself where you are and God will promote you to better things.
3. In this economic climate, do all you can do and \_\_\_\_\_ God to take care of you.

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