

Proverbs 10

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father I pray for wisdom and understanding this morning. I am so grateful for Your word. I thank You for saving my soul and giving me Your word that I may walk in Your ways. I praise You in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Comments/Insights: Proverbs 10 is a reminder to all of us about the blessings of hard work. Verse 4 says, "He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich." Strong's Concordance describes slack as "deceit, false, or idle." We must always remember the spiritual, as well as the physical, context of the word of God. Yes, we are called to walk a path of righteousness in the admonition of The Lord, but this warning is for our spiritual walk as well.

Basic Truth: What makes a man or woman of God spiritually "rich?" They are rich because they pray and meditate on the Word of God. We may not all be called to be pastors of mega-churches, or Bible theologians, but we are all called to "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2Tim.2:15. The people who do such are the ones who celebrate a Godly marriage, practice the fruit of The Spirit, and reflect the grace, love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Application to My Life: The blessed life of the believer starts after we hear, then DO the commandments of God. Think of all the Christians you know who you respect and admire. Were they given an extra dose of good fortune? Does God favor them more than you? Or do those whom we look up to possess diligent hands? The bible commands us to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" James 1:22. "Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed." Hebrews 12:12-13.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father I thank You for wisdom and understanding. I pray that I am always filled with Your Holy Spirit of Truth, for You alone make all who keep Your precepts rich. I give all praise to You, in Jesus name.

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