

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

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Does God “Help Those Who Help Themselves?”

Psalm 127 (MESSAGE)

If God doesn't build the house,
the builders only build shacks.

If God doesn't guard the city,
the night watchman might as well nap.

It's useless to rise early and go to bed late,
and work your worried fingers to the bone.

Don't you know he enjoys
giving rest to those he loves?

Don't you see that children are God's best gift?
the fruit of the womb his generous legacy?

Like a warrior's fistful of arrows
are the children of a vigorous youth.

Oh, how blessed are you parents,
with your quivers full of children!

Your enemies don't stand a chance against you;
you'll sweep them right off your doorstep .

Misquotes from the Bible ...

WORK: GOOD or BAD, RIGHT or WRONG

The BABEL or BUDDHIST: Which are you?

Working Hard, Long, and Futile: BURNOUT

Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11.4 (NIV)

Our WESTERN culture applauds:

- Long Hours
- Hard (Smart) Labour
- Busyness
- Heightened Education

Idleness, Meditative and Lazy: LETHARGIC

We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies.
2 Thessalonians 3.11 (NIV)

Our EASTERN culture applauds:

- Relaxation
- Contemplative Meditation
- Spiritualness
- Selflessness

WORK: in BALANCE & BLESSING

Healthy Keys to Work:

Work WITH God - with PURPOSE

Work THROUGH God - through EFFORT

Rest WITHIN God - within WORSHIP

Blessed BY God - equals SUCCESS