

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Work Hard and Stay Focused

It is easy to become discouraged when hard work brings slow—or even no—progress. It is even easier to look around and envy the successes of others without understanding the effort behind those successes. Get-rich-quick schemes can seem very appealing.

Hard work, perseverance, and faith are what pay off in the long run. There are great things that can be achieved if you apply your talents and energies to you goals. The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men*” (Colossians 3:23).

But there is a limit to what will be handed to you. Relationships, knowledge, wisdom, financial success—all of these things require diligent labor to cultivate and continual effort to maintain. Don’t allow yourself to become discouraged by slow, steady gains. And don’t disillusion yourself with attempts to get more than what you’ve earned.

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Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, grant me a desire to please You in all my activities. Amen.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!

