

*2024 Congregational Theme*

# THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US

*In the Workplace*



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

***Hebrews 12:1***





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*When viewed properly...*

**1. Work is good.**

The background of the slide features a series of dark red silhouettes of people walking in various directions, creating a sense of movement and activity. The silhouettes are semi-transparent and overlap, set against a solid dark red background.

[17] And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice  
of your wife and have eaten of the tree of  
which I commanded you, ‘You shall not  
eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of  
you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days  
of your life; [18] thorns and thistles it shall  
bring forth for you; and you shall eat the  
plants of the field. [19] By the sweat of your  
face you shall eat bread, till you return to  
the ground, for out of it you were taken; for  
you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

***Genesis 3:17-19***

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

*Genesis 2:15*

[1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. [3] So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

***Genesis 2:1-3***

*When viewed properly...*

- 1. Work is good.**
- 2. Work is sanctified.**



Let the thief no longer steal,  
but rather let him labor,  
doing honest work with his  
own hands, so that he may  
have something to share  
with anyone in need.

***Ephesians 4:28***

*When viewed properly...*

- 1. Work is good.**
- 2. Work is sanctified.**
- 3. Work is a powerful opportunity to bring glory to God.**

[22] Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. [23]

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

[25] For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

[1] Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

***Colossians 3:22-4:1***

[9] Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, [10] for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, [11] and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, [12] so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

***1 Thessalonians 4:9-12***