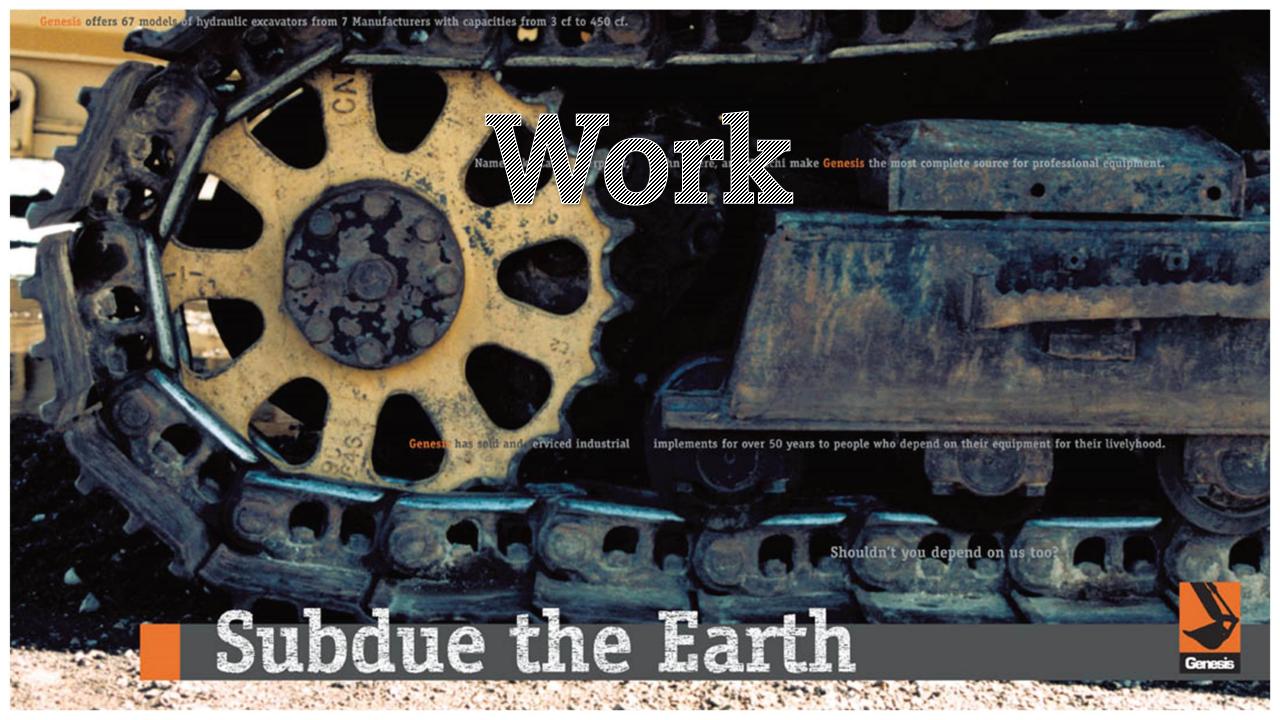


# Proverbs 6 (ESV)

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. 9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest 11 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

#### The Main Idea

Work is not to be worshipped or wasted but is to be used as an act of worship to the God that placed you there.



#### Work

- First command
- God's idea
  - Creation
  - Very good
  - Image Bearers
- Work is an act of worship not punishment
- It has intrinsic value rearranges God's blessings for His glory & human flourishing

#### Work

- Work is a tool for healing
- It provides for "our daily bread"
- All work is honorable (pastors, plumbers, poets, lawyers (?))
- Satan tries to use our work to corrupt/curse/trap us



# LAZINESS!

# Beware of Satan's Traps - Laziness

- Slacker
- Rejecting God's purpose "I am the boss of me."
- Destroys
- Excuses vs action
- Don't finish things
- Path that leads to poverty
- Not the opposite of my "passion"

### Beware of Satan's Traps - Laziness

- Ants are our model
- "You don't get up to go to fun, but to go to work." Joby's dad
- Christians work for God Should be the best workers



# Beware of Satan's Traps - Idolatry

- Job & possessions (American Dream) define us
  - Self-centered
  - Corrupts our character
    - Cheating
    - Stealing
    - Tyranny
    - Enron
  - Foolish Can't take it with us



#### Bring Glory to God Through Work

- Work for the Lord Do everything in the name of Jesus
- Work hard King Jesus is our boss (Joseph)
- Have integrity Don't cheat to get ahead
- All work has inherent value Support work of Great Commission
- Be radically generous
- Remember God put us where we are to bring light to a dark world – Coach Lee

#### **Discussion Questions**

- How are you worshipping/glorifying God through your work?
- What is Satan using to trap you as you pursue your career/retirement/ministry?
- Has your work become your idol?
- What excuses do you have that keep you from responding to God's work for you today?

