**Work Ethic**

**Work ethic is a value based on hard work and diligence. Capitalists believe in the requirement of hard work and its ability to enhance character. In the context of class conflict, Marxists view the cultural ingrainment of this value as a means to delude the working class into creating more wealth for the upper class. In the Soviet Union, work ethic was seen as an ideal to strive for. This will be a term that you will always here and how you will be judge in the work place, school, athletics, etc. Let’s see what the bible says about the issue of work ethic:**

[**Colossians 3:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A23&version=ESV) **Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,**

[**2 Thessalonians 3:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Thessalonians+3%3A10&version=ESV) **For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

[**Proverbs 14:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+14%3A23&version=ESV) **In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.**

[**Proverbs 16:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+16%3A3&version=ESV) **Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.**

[**Proverbs 10:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+10%3A4&version=ESV) **A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.**

[**Acts 20:35**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+20%3A35&version=ESV) **In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”**

[**1 Corinthians 10:31**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+10%3A31&version=ESV) **So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

[**Ecclesiastes 9:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+9%3A10&version=ESV) **Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.**

[**1 Timothy 5:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A8&version=ESV) **But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

[**Proverbs 12:11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+12%3A11&version=ESV) **Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.**

[**Proverbs 21:25**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+21%3A25&version=ESV) **The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.**

[**Proverbs 22:29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+22%3A29&version=ESV) **Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.**

[**Psalm 128:2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+128%3A2&version=ESV) **You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

[**Proverbs 13:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+13%3A4&version=ESV) **The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.**

[**2 Thessalonians 3:6-9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Thessalonians+3%3A6-9&version=ESV) **Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate**