

Having A Work-Life Balance

I. Introduction:

A. Work is a necessary part of life (**Proverbs 19:15**, **I Thessalonians 4:11-12**, and **II Thessalonians 3:10**).

1. Not providing for one's family is a terrible statement (**I Timothy 5:8**).
2. Even beyond providing, it feels good to earn a living (**Ecclesiastes 5:12**).

B. Before we get into the heart of the lesson, we need to remember that we cannot ever surrender ourselves to carnality (**Romans 13:12-14** and **Galatians 5:24**).

1. This lesson is not about turning us to the things of this world (**I John 2:15-17**).
2. Nor am I suggesting we slack off on our spiritual work (**I Corinthians 15:58**; cf. **Matthew 16:27**).

II. Body: **Ecclesiastes 3:9-13**

A. What point is there in earning a wage and constantly putting off enjoying the fruit of your labor (**Ecclesiastes 2:24**)?

1. You are not taking your money with you (**Ecclesiastes 5:15-19**).
2. Counting on the future to enjoy it isn't wise either (**Proverbs 27:1** and **James 4:13-16**; cf. **Luke 12:13-21**).

B. Learn from Jesus to take some time (**Mark 6:30-32**).

1. He was "about His Father's business" (**Luke 2:41-49**, **John 4:31-34**, and **John 9:4**).
2. He was social as well (**Matthew 11:18-19**).

C. Listen, Godliness is profitable not only in the life to come, but the life that is now (**I Timothy 4:8**).

1. Being godly and loving life are not at odds with one another (**I Peter 3:10-11**).
2. Godliness allows us to balance enjoying the fruit of your labor with not desiring to be rich to have more to enjoy (**I Timothy 6:6-10**).

III. Conclusion: Enjoy things in this world without abusing such (**I Corinthians 7:31**).