

"WORKING FOR A LIVING"

Ephesians 4:28

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"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 (ESV)

1. "Let the thief..."

2. "...no longer steal..."

3. "...but rather let him labor with his hands doing honest work..."

"I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me."

Acts 20:33-34

"For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God." **1 Thessalonians 2:9**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

4. "...so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

"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.'" **Acts 20:35**

APPLYING THIS TEACHING TO MY LIFE

You were taught in Jesus ¹²² *to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,* ²³ *and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,* ²⁴ *and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”* **Ephesians 4:22-24**

1. I WANT TO LIVE THE _____ LIFE JESUS GIVES.

¹²² *to put off your old self,...* ²⁴ *and to put on the new self...”*

2. LORD, ENLARGE _____ OF WORK.

¹²³ *and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds...”*

3. LORD, HELP ME ALWAYS REMEMBER _____ IN CHRIST.

THE NEW SELF IS ¹²⁴ *...created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”*

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” **1 Peter 2:21**

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant...” **Philippians 2:5-8**