

**Reading:** Psalm 1

**Topic:** Basic Good Practices That  
Bring Growth & Blessing

**INTRODUCTION:** In today's modern \_\_\_\_\_, one of the observations made by employers when trying to \_\_\_\_\_ workers is that it is becoming very \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain dependable and stable employees. Children of God should develop Scriptural and ethical practices both to be a \_\_\_\_\_ example to others and also to bring growth & blessing to their own lives.

## I. PUNCTUALITY:

### **A. Be On Time:**

1. Being on time is a sign of an individual who is \_\_\_\_\_ and responsible, although there is always the possibility of an unavoidable \_\_\_\_\_, but for the most part learn to be punctual. Rom. 1:13
2. Being on time shows that you have \_\_\_\_\_ for other people's schedule and time and therefore you do not wish to \_\_\_\_\_ them waiting.

### **B. Develop The Habit:**

1. Becoming punctual will take \_\_\_\_\_ and discipline, especially if you have had the habit of always being late, but bad habits can be changed through \_\_\_\_\_ into good ones.
2. Sometimes being always late is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing -late for weddings, late for funerals, late for the family gathering, late for \_\_\_\_\_, etc. but again, this can be worked on and changed. Co. 4:5

## II. WORK ETHIC:

### **A. Wasted Time At Work:**

1. A recent news survey found that many employees waste up to two \_\_\_\_\_ per day doing things other than the job they have been \_\_\_\_\_ to do. Pr. 18:9
2. The internet and smart phones are to blame for much of the wasted \_\_\_\_\_, as people surf the web, text family and friends, check out YouTube & FaceBook, etc. while supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### **B. Paid To Work:**

1. It is important to remember that you have been hired to \_\_\_\_\_ a certain number of hours per day for your employer, and you should honestly give yourself to do just that - \_\_\_\_\_ those hours. Mt. 20:4
2. A child of God should be the \_\_\_\_\_ worker on the job – putting in an honest day's work and giving their best effort for what they have been \_\_\_\_\_ to do. Ecc. 9:10

### **C. Opportunity For Advancement:**

1. When an individual practices a good \_\_\_\_\_ ethic, most often doors of opportunity will open for advancement and \_\_\_\_\_ on the job. Pr. 13:4
2. The same goes for the work of God – when one gives their best effort to \_\_\_\_\_, the Word of God, to the ministry that one is involved in, God will open \_\_\_\_\_ of opportunity for growth. Rev. 3:8
3. Every individual who gives themselves and their energy to the \_\_\_\_\_ or ministry that they are part of also contribute to the positive influencing of other \_\_\_\_\_ around them. 2 Tim. 2:1,2

## III. BEING TEACHABLE:

### **A. Willing To Continue To Learn:**

1. One of the unfortunate things that leads to the stagnation and in some \_\_\_\_\_, the downfall of potentially great individuals, is the developing of a \_\_\_\_\_-it-all spirit. I Sam. 15:17
2. When one loses the desire or the will to continue to \_\_\_\_\_, no more growth will occur in that life and in many cases, the individual will actually go backwards in \_\_\_\_\_.

### **B. Humility = Teachableness:**

1. Most generally, the cause of the loss of being teachable is \_\_\_\_\_, as an individual believes he or she is smarter or more spiritual than all the people around them and \_\_\_\_\_ more about everything than anybody else. Pr. 11:2
2. A humble heart and spirit will lead to being teachable, and a person who is contrite will also \_\_\_\_\_ to learn \_\_\_\_\_ and want to advance and grow in both natural and spiritual life. Ps. 119:66

## **IV. ATTITUDE:**

### **A. Makes or Breaks:**

1. Regardless of an individual's abilities, gifts and talents, the thing that will make or break their \_\_\_\_\_ is their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A negative attitude will harm the progress of an individual and \_\_\_\_\_ them first in their thoughts and then in their ability to be successful in their \_\_\_\_\_ and work.
3. On the other hand, a positive attitude will \_\_\_\_\_ any individual into a higher plain everywhere they go, and open \_\_\_\_\_ of opportunity for them. Dan. 6:3

### **B. Determines Altitude:**

1. It has been stated that "Your attitude determines your altitude," which is quite \_\_\_\_\_ when one observes the difference in \_\_\_\_\_ between two individuals, one positive and the other negative.
2. Joseph had a lot of "downs" in his life – down into the \_\_\_\_\_, down into \_\_\_\_\_, down into the prison, but his good \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lord being with him led to his altitude being the second highest ranked person in the country. Gen. 39:2,21

**CONCLUSION:** Just doing consistently some very basic good \_\_\_\_\_ will bring us into the place of \_\_\_\_\_ and blessing.