

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Not long ago I was waiting at a hotel to check in. As I stood there, I witnessed something that was unprofessional to say the least. One of the women who worked in housekeeping was complaining rather loudly to another lady about something her supervisor had asked her to do. She then turned and asked me, of all people, what I thought. I said, “Lady I don’t have the faintest idea what you are talking about.” But I went on, “Let me ask you a question. Without having all this information...you are getting a paycheck aren’t you?” She looked at me and said, “I guess you have a point.”

I think we’re witnessing the vanishing of the work ethic. I don’t mean to be so general in my statements but it’s based upon personal experience and observation. Increasingly, it seems as if people view work with an entitlement perspective.

In 1 Timothy chapter 5 verse 8 we read this rather direct statement; “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

There are three implications concerning work from this very direct statement. Number one; we are called to provide for our families. Number two; to not provide for our family is a denial of basic, biblical Christianity. We shouldn’t be on our knees crying out to God to provide for us when we don’t get up and hustle and do what it takes to meet those needs, which leads to the third implication. That is that laziness is a sin that invokes the judgment of God.

Here’s what I want you to remember today. It’s a joy, privilege, and honor to have a job to provide food, clothing, and shelter for your family. Hard work is not a disease, it’s a cure.