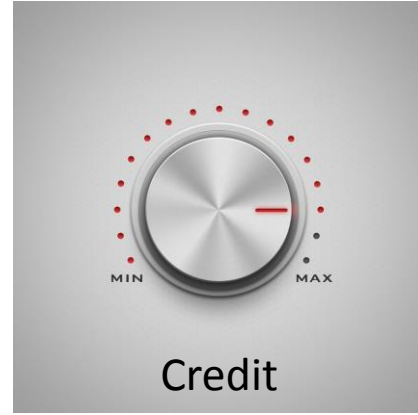


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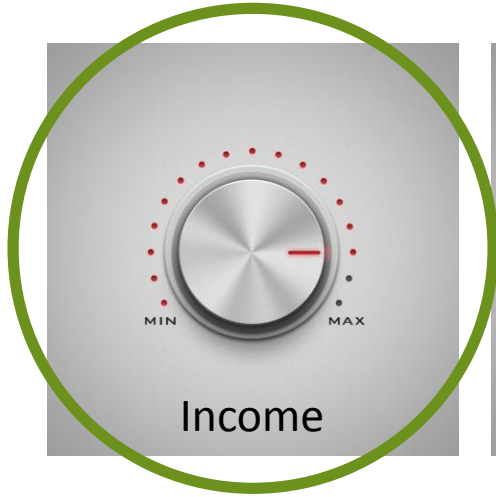
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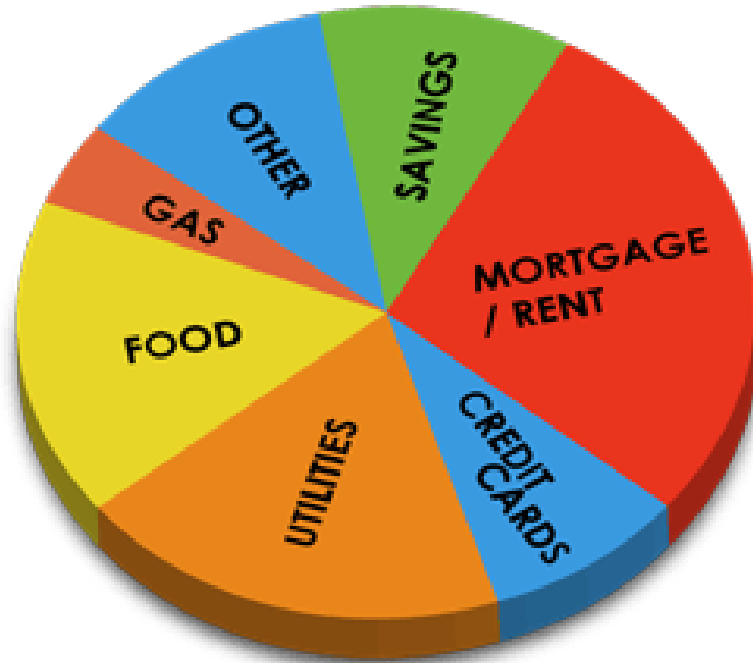


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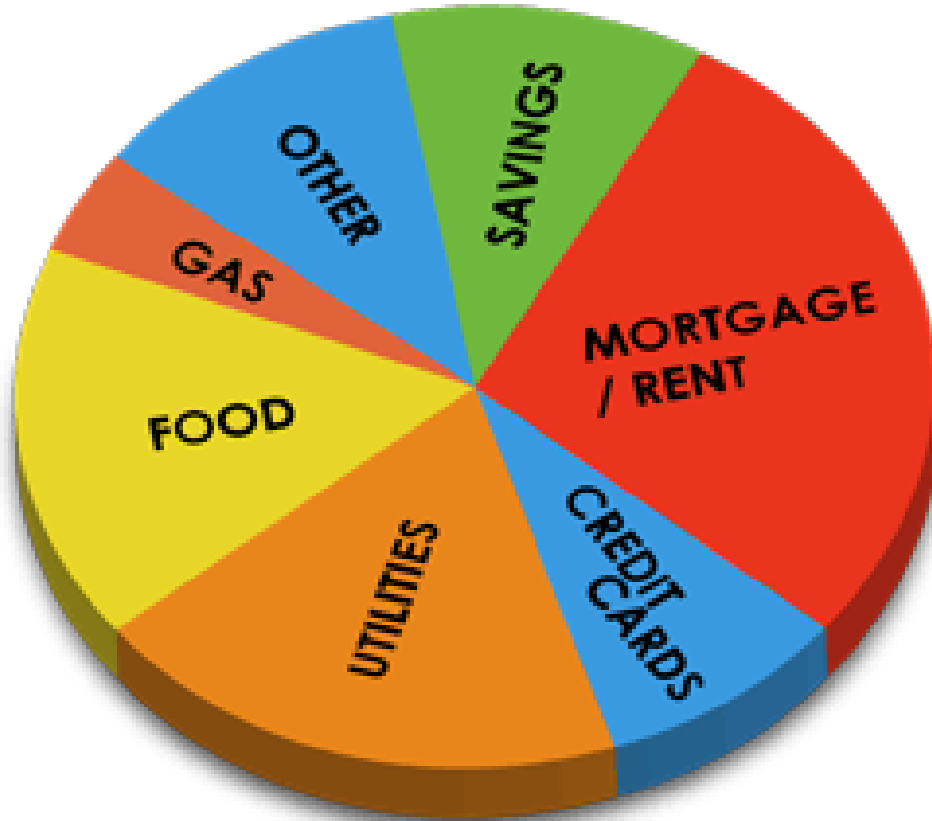
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# The Budget Pie Chart



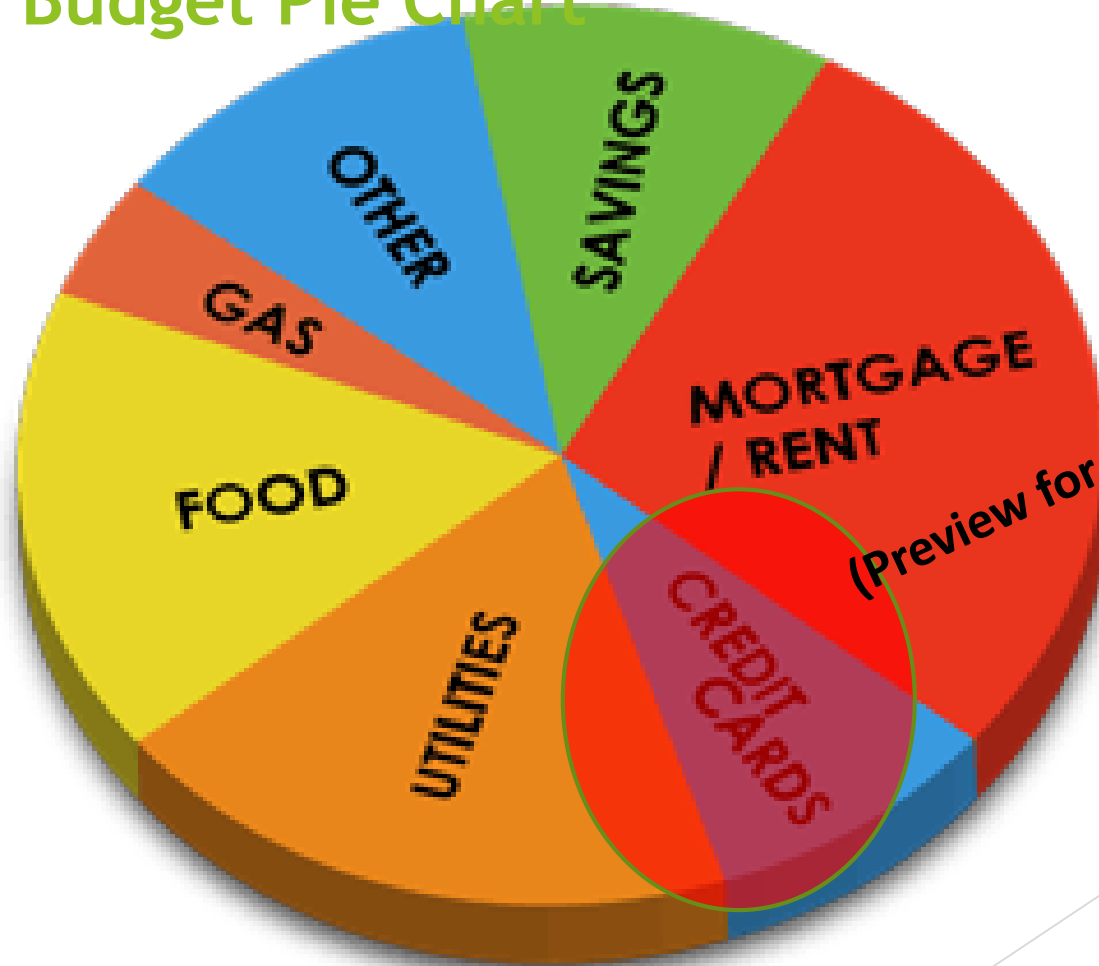
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(Preview for Thomas Hood's Lesson)



# Remember - Just Read & Do Proverbs!

## **Proverbs 12:11**

Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. (NIV)

## **Proverbs 14:23**

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (NIV)

## **Proverbs 18:9**

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys. (NIV)

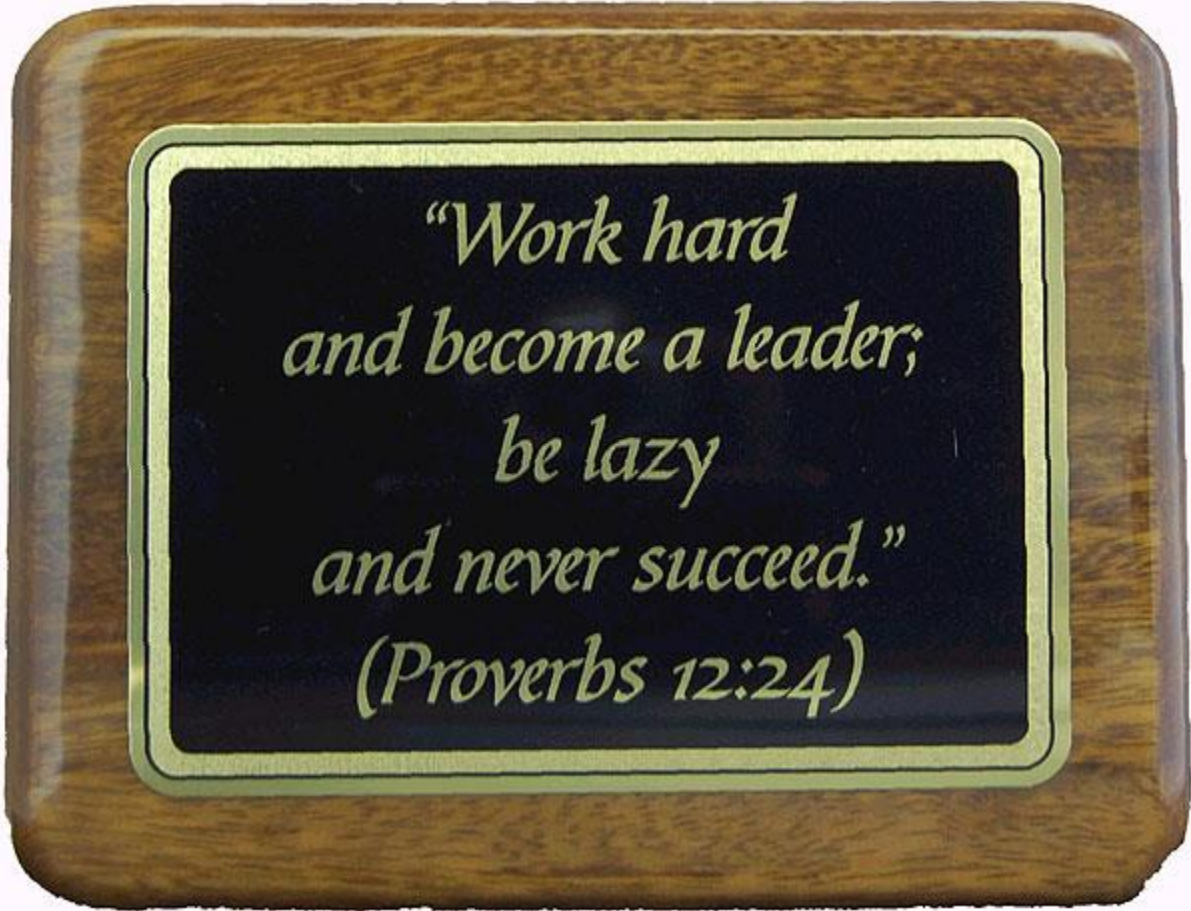
## **Proverbs 31:15 - 18**

She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.



*“Work hard  
and become a leader;  
be lazy  
and never succeed.”  
(Proverbs 12:24)*

# But All Around the Bible Also

## **Ecclesiastes 3:22**

So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them? (NIV)

## **Ecclesiastes 9:10**

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. (NIV)

# But All Around the Bible Also

## **Colossians 3:23**

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, (NIV)

## **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." (NIV)

## **1 Thessalonians 4:11**

...and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you (NIV)



**WORK HARD IN SILENCE  
LET YOUR SUCCESS  
BE THE NOISE**

# Some Biblical Examples of Work

- **Joseph – the estate manager – Genesis 39:2 - 6**

The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

- **Daniel – the government worker – Daniel 1:18 - 20**

At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

- **Paul – the tent maker – I Corinthians 9:12**

If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

**So - What do YOU think?**

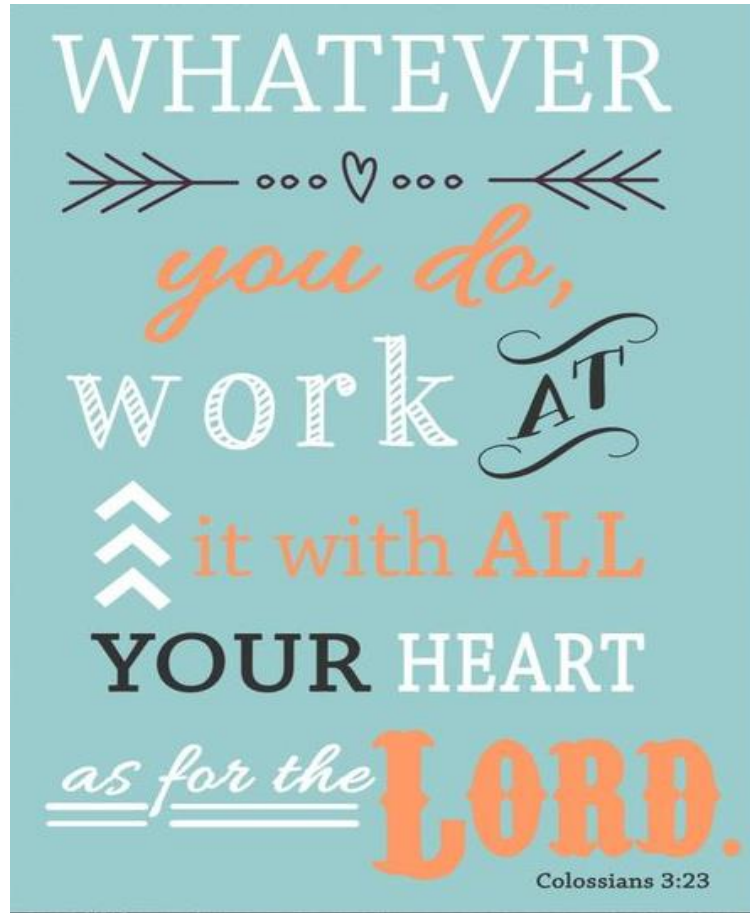
**What are the characteristics that make a disciple of Jesus a great employee?**

# Some Key Characteristics

- **Hard worker**
  - Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters
- **Always honest**
  - Proverbs 11:3 – The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
- **“Say/Do Ratio”**
  - Matthew 5:37 – All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one
- **Generous with time and help for co-workers**
  - Acts 20:35 – 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.’
- **Not competitive or jealous**
  - Galatians 6:4 -5 – Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load.



# Who is your BOSS?




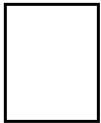


# Practicals - Discussion

- **What is your career goal – how do you define success?**
- **What is a good reason to leave a job?**
- **What should I do if I made decisions earlier in life that limit my career choices now?**
- **How much should I “play politics” at work?**



# HARD WORK

and they said it never killed anyone

 to    kids

(Time to pick up your kids!)