

November 8

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I reject the notion that leisure is always to be preferred over work? Do I recognize that work and its rewards are a gift from God? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one to whom He wants to give enjoyable things? Am I able to rejoice no matter the circumstance?

1 **God has designed our work and its fruit is to be a source of enjoyment —** *Ecclesiastes 5:18 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.*

Why is it so stressful and unfulfilling to be without work?

For which blessing and rewards from my work do I need to praise God?

2 **I am given all things to enjoy —** *1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy....*

Why does God want me to enjoy the good and beneficial things?

Why does the devil want me to think that I am neglected by God?

3 **I am to practice the discipline of rejoicing in the Lord —** *Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

Am I able to rejoice in the Lord even when I'm facing a difficult circumstance?

Why is it a handicap to think I can only rejoice when things are going well?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Hebrews 5

Evening: Jeremiah 43, 44, 45