

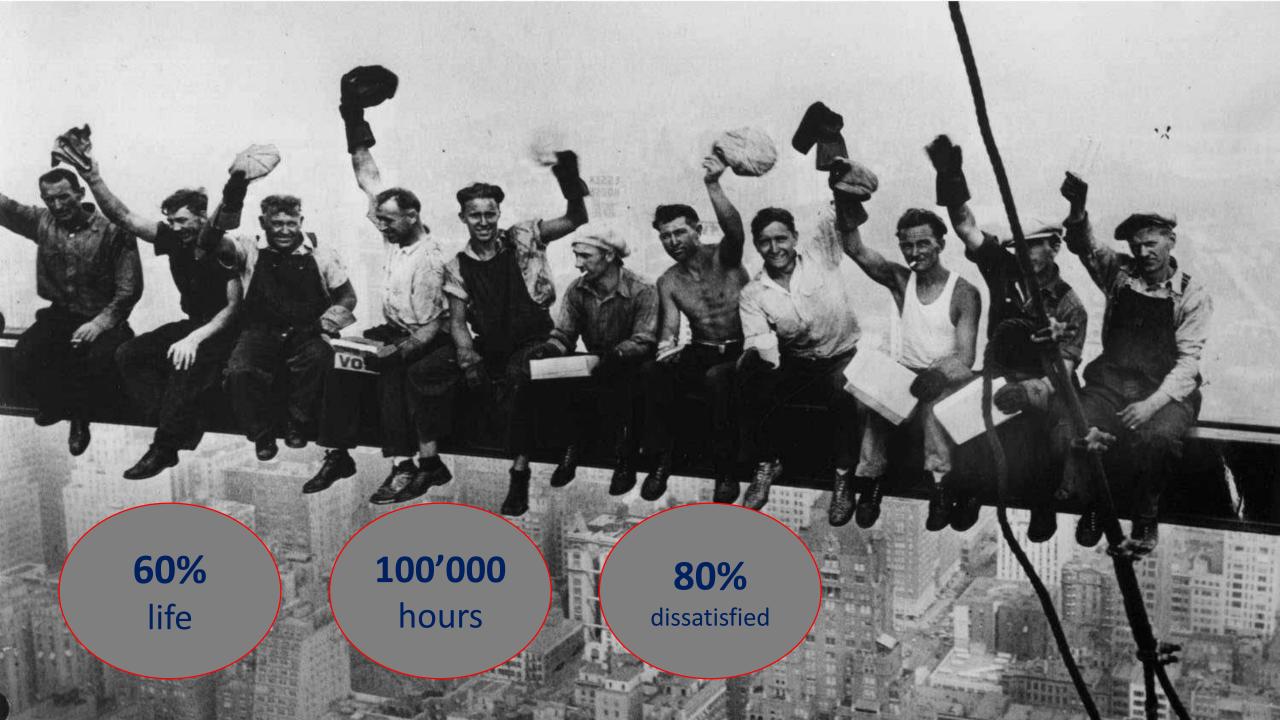
THE WORK OF GOD



WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF "THE END"?



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"THEN GOD CREATED CO-WORKERS"

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:15, 24

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... male and female. And let them have dominion [over the earth]...

...to cultivate it and keep it.

...and the two shall become one flesh.

IDENTITY

(beloved child of God)

VOCATION

(care and cultivate)

RELATION

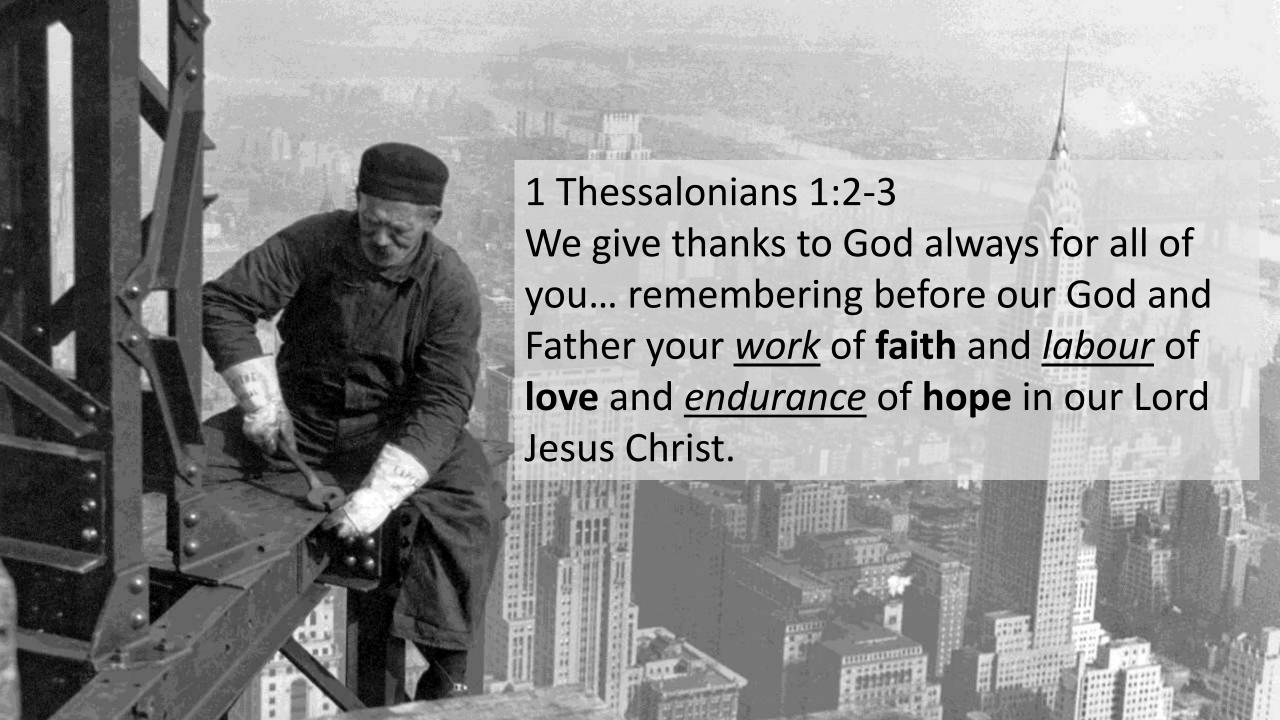
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THE FALL OF WORK



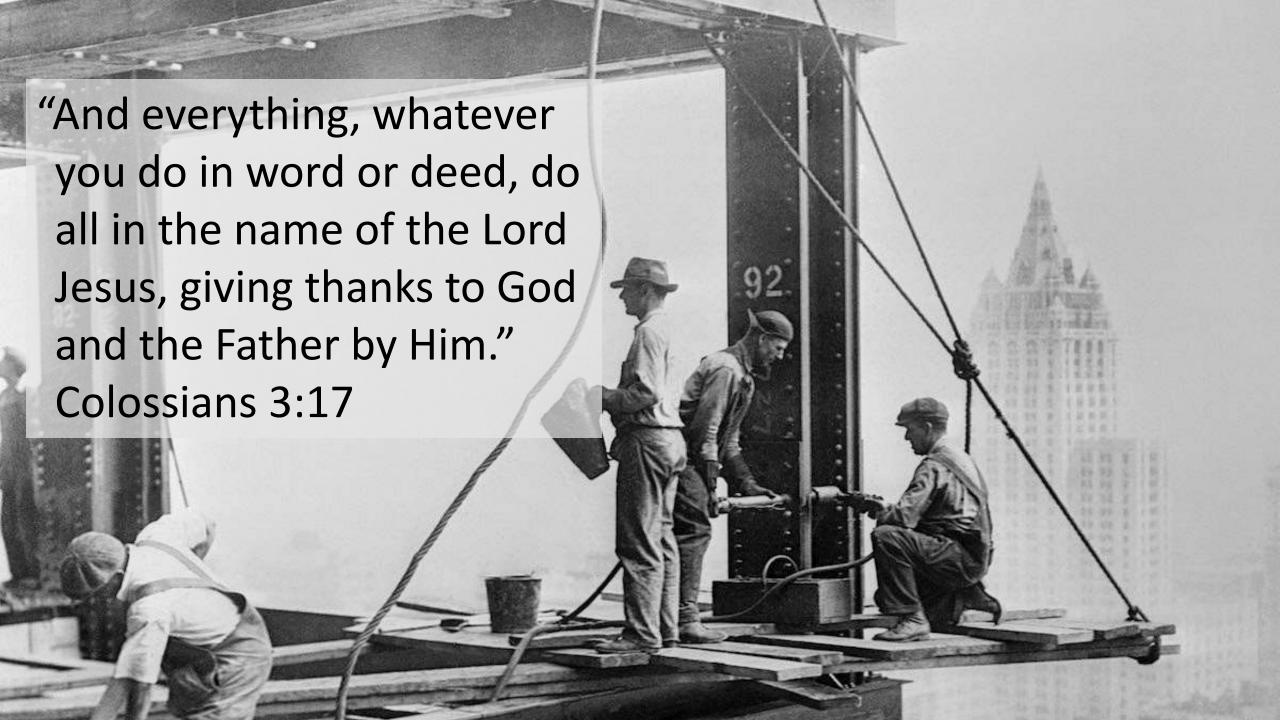
Genesis 3:17-19

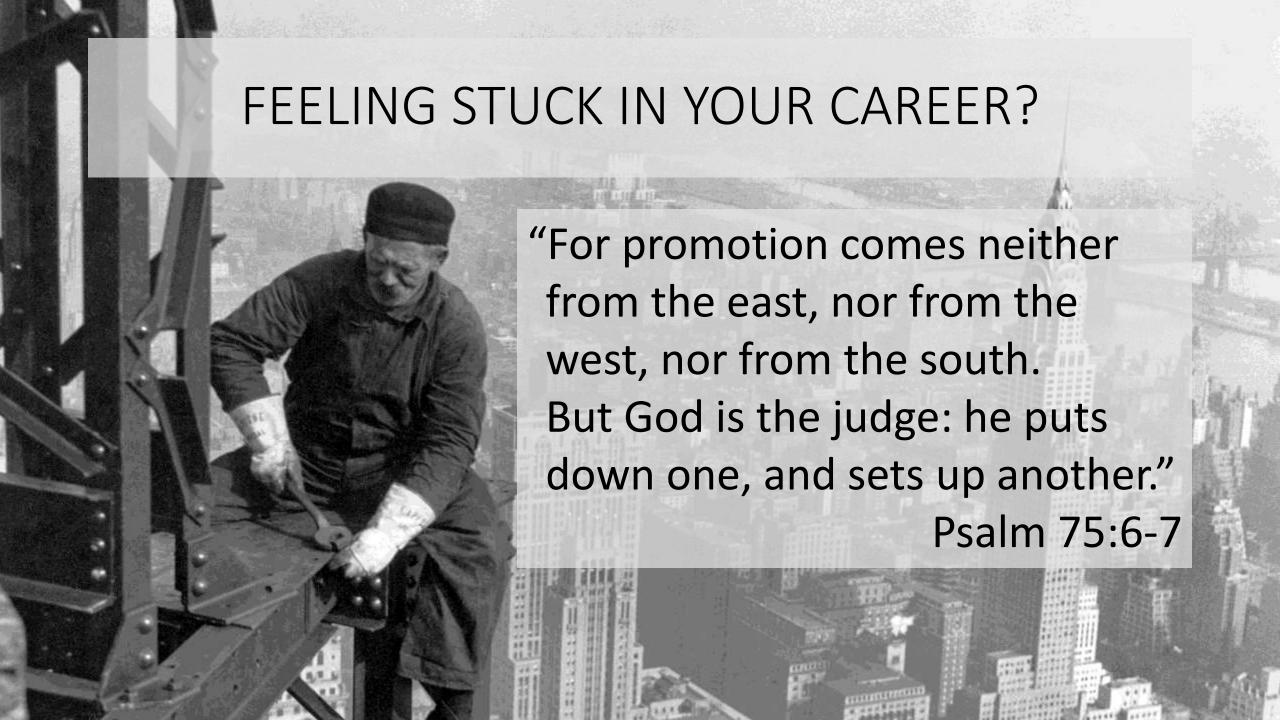
God said, "Because you have [disobeyed Me]: "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it... thorns and thistles will grow...by the sweat of your face you shall eat...""











Spiritual growth is for everyone



1 Thessalonians 2:8-9

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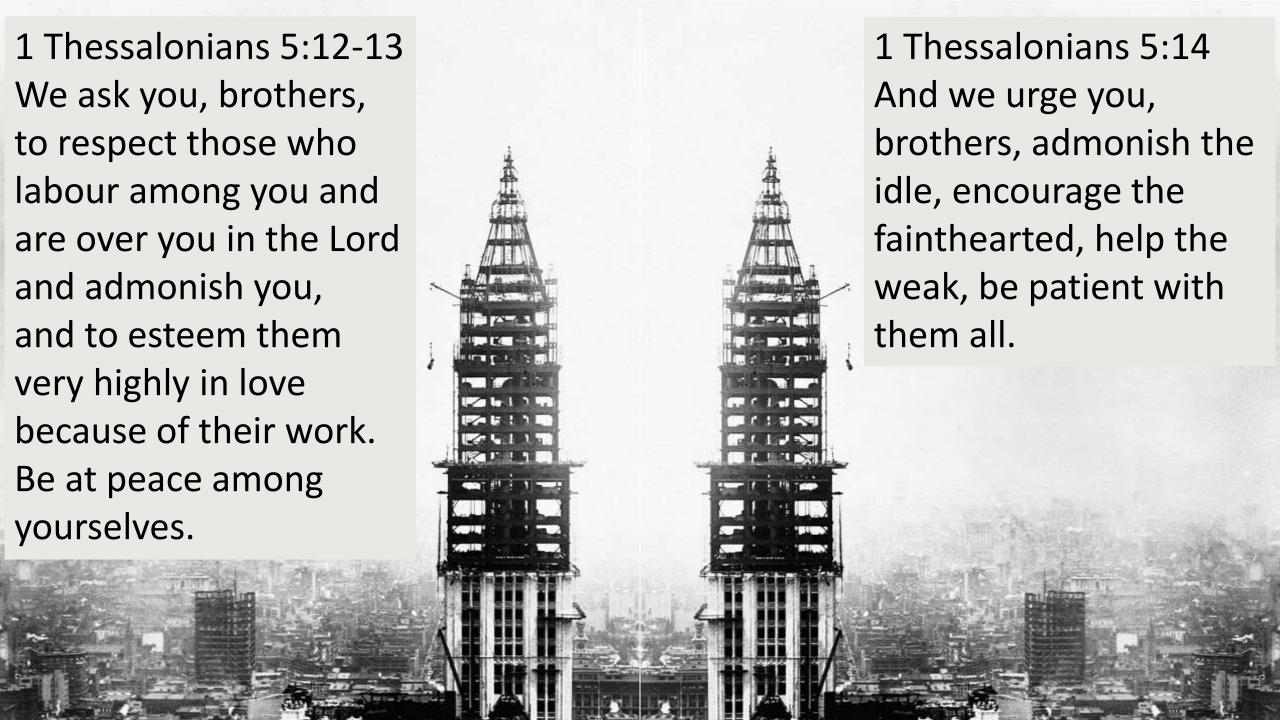
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1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

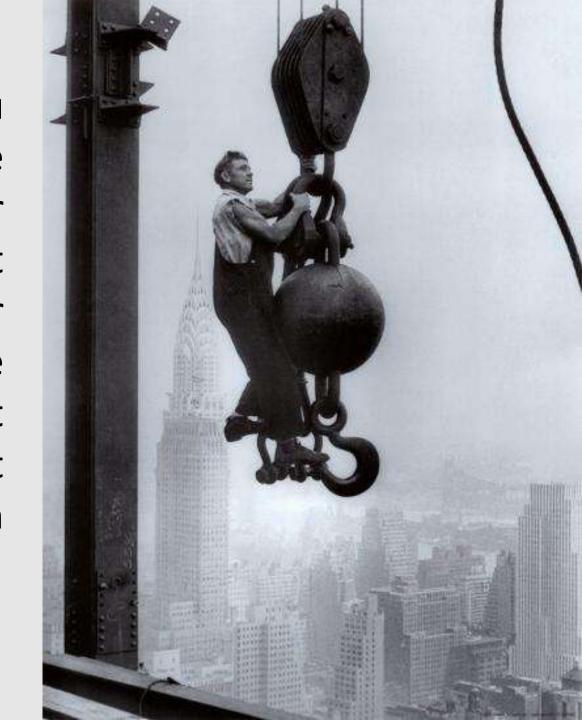
Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.

But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.



2 Thessalonians 3:7-15

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate...



2 Thessalonians 3:7-15

...For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living...



2 Thessalonians 3:7-15

...As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.



