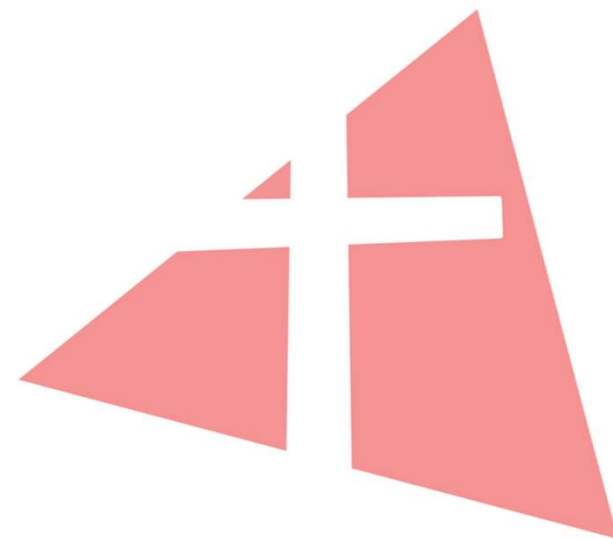


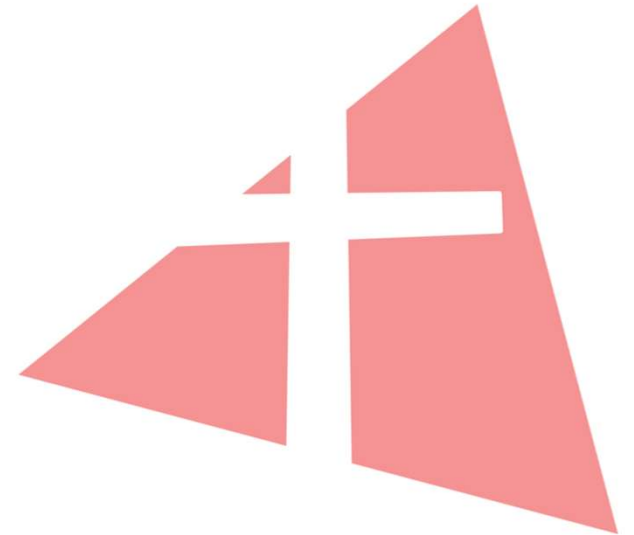
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Sunday, April 28th 2019



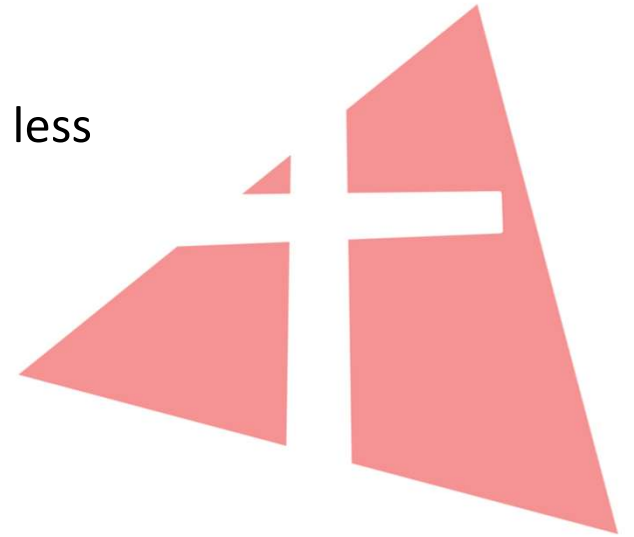
OUR MONEY SERIES

- **The foundations**
 - God owns everything
 - God is our provider
- **The practical part**
 - Giving
 - Saving
 - Budgeting the rest



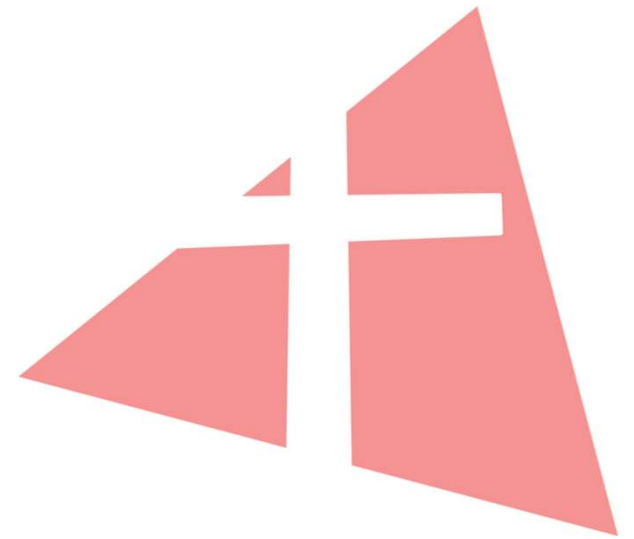
TODAY'S MESSAGE

- **Everybody works, though in different ways and places**
 - Some points of today's message will apply more to us, some less



REALITIES

- Most people hate their work



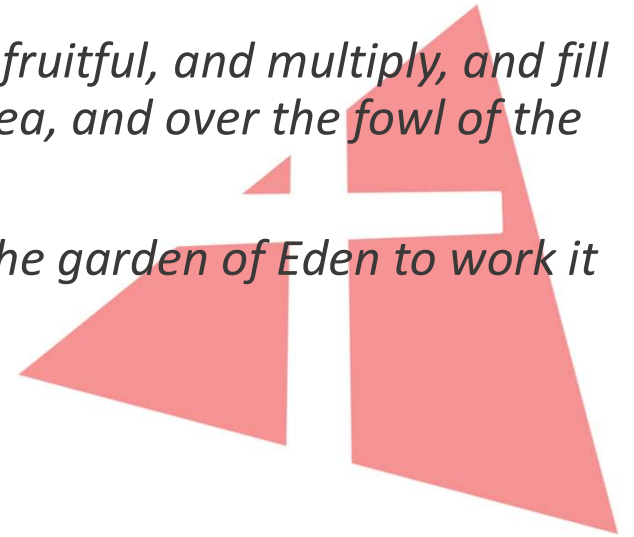
GOD'S DESIGN

- **Work was meant to be joyful**

- Before the fall

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

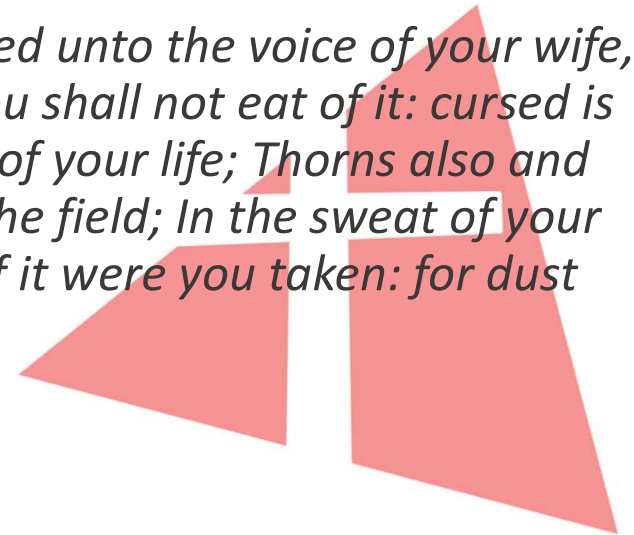
Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and to keep it.



GOD'S DESIGN

- **Work was meant to be joyful**
 - The consequences of the fall

Genesis 3:17-19 And unto Adam he said, Because you have listened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of your life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shall you return.



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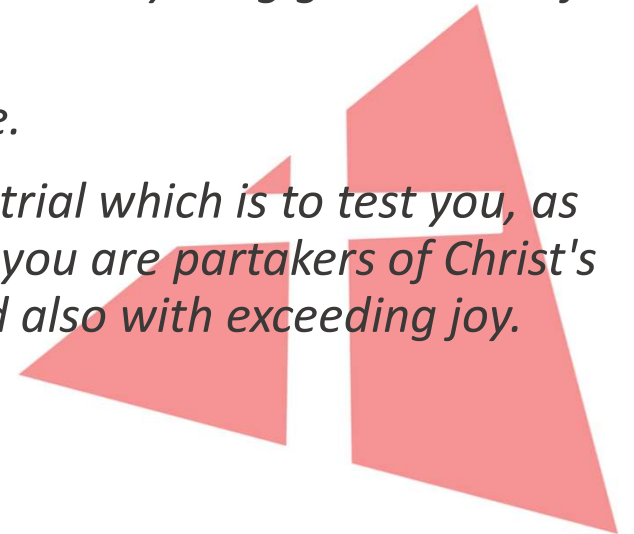
- **Work was meant to be joyful**

- The restoration in Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

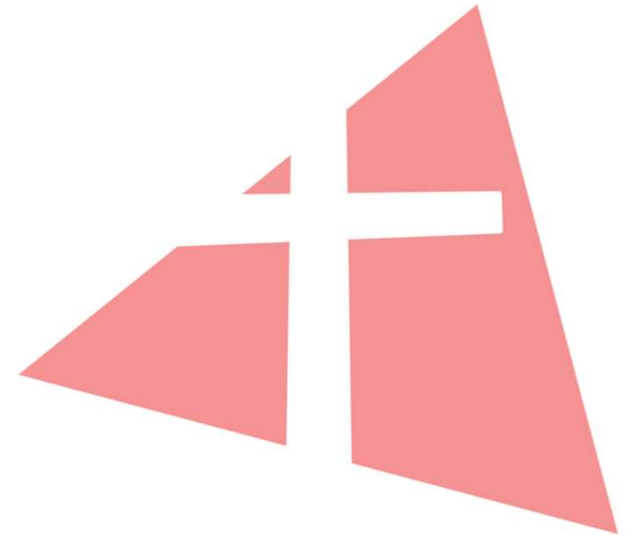
Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to test you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, since you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.



FOR US AS CHRISTIANS

- **Work can be joyful and fulfilling again**
- **We have to follow God's principles concerning work**



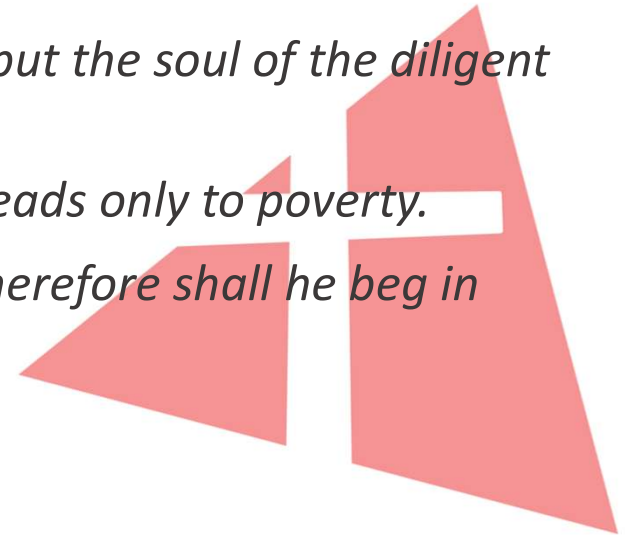
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2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

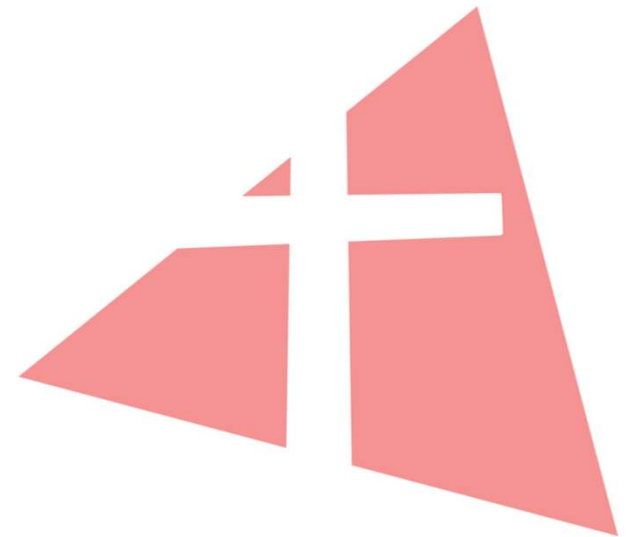
Proverbs 14:23 In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.



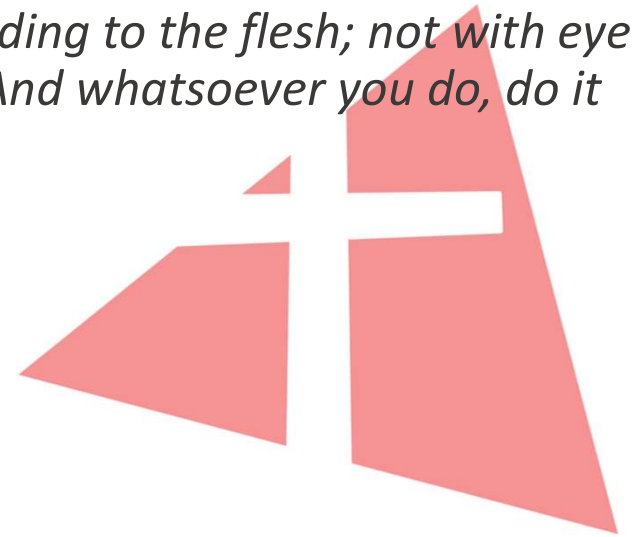
PRIORITIES

- **Our relationship with God**
- **Our spouse**
- **Our children**
- **Work**
- **Everything else (incl. ministry)**



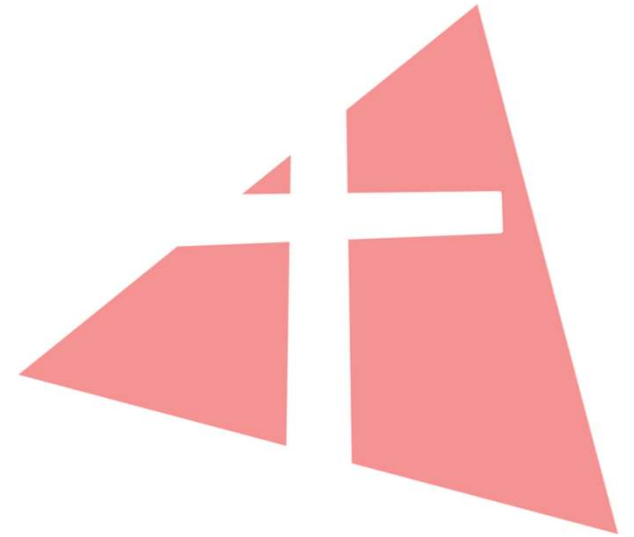
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Colossians 3:22-23 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;



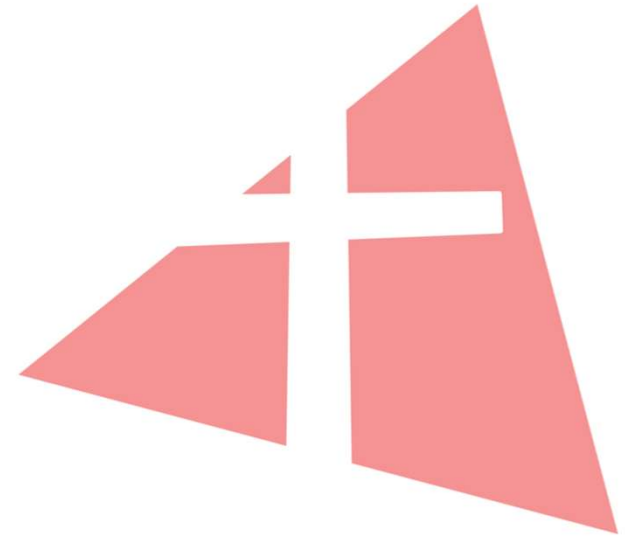
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- **We are working for God, not people**
 - God sees what we really do



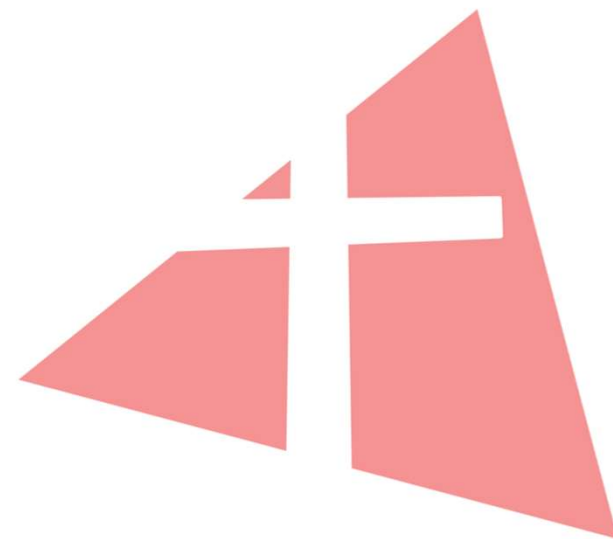
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- **One aim is to contribute to whoever we are working for**
 - Not money
 - Not career
 - ...



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- Be obedient

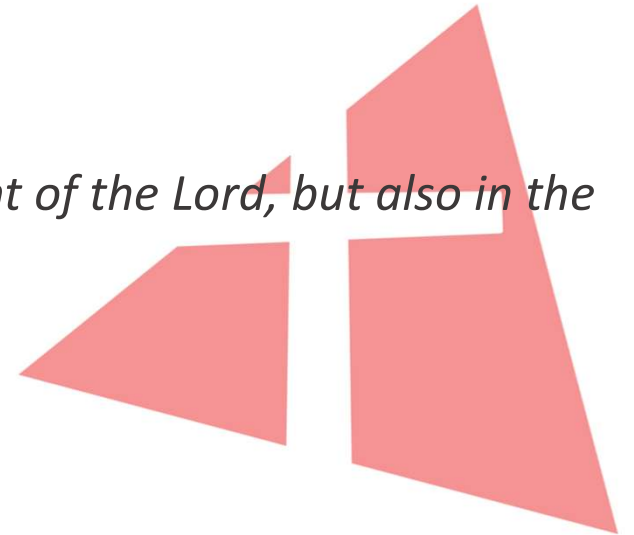


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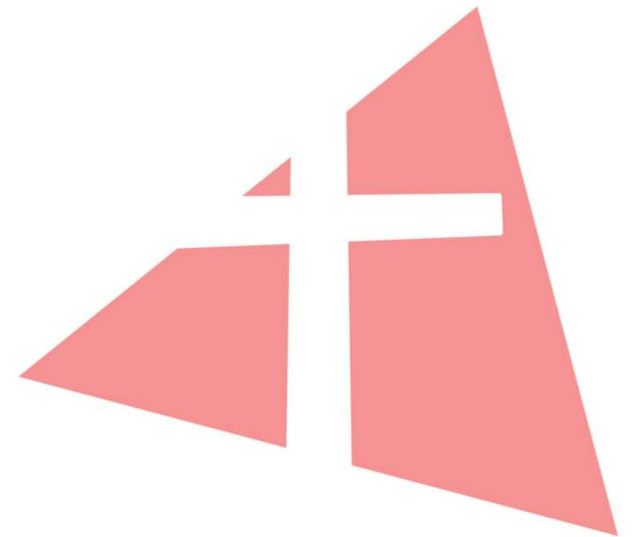
- Doing what is right in God's eyes
- Doing what is right in the eyes of our supervisors

2 Corinthians 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.



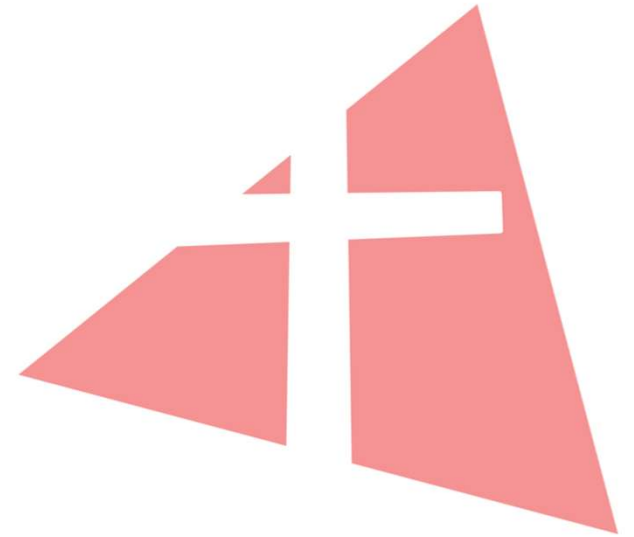
BEING AN EXAMPLE

- **The workplace is a place we can truly shine**
 - We spend a lot of time with our colleagues
 - A lot of people do morally questionable things



TAKING GOD TO WORK

- Many people separate their work life from their Christian life
- Work is the place we should be closest to God

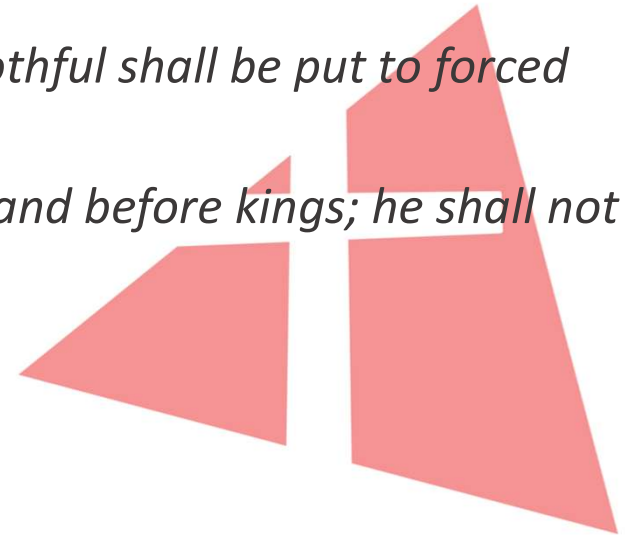


A SIDE EFFECT

- **God promises to bless those who work His way**

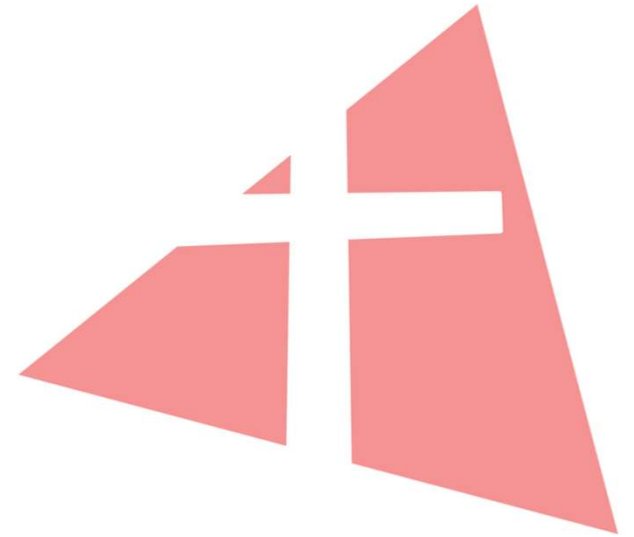
Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 22:29 See you a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before obscure men.



OUR CHILDREN

- **Encourage your children to work**
 - But don't force



IN CONCLUSION

- Work is a blessing from God

