



Week 1 Summary:

- We are God's image bearers. Part of that image bearing involves work. Just as God worked in Creation, so we are to work in caring for it and subduing it.
- Work came before the fall. It is not a punishment for sin.
- Sin made it harder but didn't take away the original mandate.
- In the first covenant (made with Abraham) he was blessed to bless all who would come through his line.
- We looked at Proverbs 11, and the connection between the blessing of the tsaddiqim and the blessing of those around them.

Proverbs Chapter 11

¹⁰ When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices;
when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.

¹¹ Through the blessing of the upright a city is
exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is
destroyed.

“Virtue is what happens when someone has made a thousand small choices, requiring effort and concentration, to do something which is good and right but which doesn’t “come naturally”— and then, on the thousand and first time, when it really matters, they find that they do what’s required ‘automatically,’ as we say.”

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- Servanthood
- Responsibility
- Courage
- Humility

Philippians 2

^{3b} In humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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Is it possible to use our position to promote kingdom values? Not by quoting the bible and threatening hell and damnation, but by being so infused with kingdom values; knowing them and them becoming our 'new nature' that when we offer our opinions or suggestions they are really Gods opinions and ideas???