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I came across this word of wisdom the other day, "There aren't any hard-and-fast rules for getting ahead in the world-just hard ones." Our society has this compulsion about getting everything, fast. We want to get rich, fast. We want pain to stop, fast. We want to lose weight, fast. We want God to answer our prayers, fast.

What's more, we feel we deserve it. We deserve to have every whim fulfilled and we become resentful when we have to wait, or work for the things that we have. We've grown accustomed to having things handed to us either by parents or government agencies.

The Word of God teaches a little different principle than our consumer-based philosophy. **2 Thes. 3:10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.**

We need to go through a bit of psychological retraining. We need to understand that when we work, we are twice blessed. Not only do we get paid for our work, but we also get the reward of the work itself. Just the fact that we are able to use our bodies and minds in a productive manner should be a blessing to us. There are those all around us who would give anything to have the ability to work, to move their legs and hands, to lift things with a good strong back, to see with clear vision and balance a bank ledger. We need to remember what a blessing work is, not just for the pay, but for the process of work alone.

A stranger came to three workmen all of whom were employed on the same job. He asked each worker what he was doing. Growled the first man: "I'm breaking rocks." Said the second: "I'm earning a living." But the third man replied with a smile, "I'm building a cathedral." What you get out of work, depends on how you approach the task.