

# TRANSFORMED

How God Changes Us



## WORKING TO CHANGE MY WORLD

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*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*  
Ephesians 2:10

### 1. Hard work is an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ God and my world.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters . . .* Colossians 3:23

*<sup>11</sup> He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment . . . <sup>14</sup> From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things, as surely the work of his hands rewards him.* Proverbs 12:11, 14

- **Laziness makes life \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth . . . "The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied."* Proverbs 10:4; 13:4

- **Most sleep \_\_\_\_\_ are work-related.**

*<sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? <sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, <sup>11</sup> and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.* Proverbs 6:9-11

*<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work . . .* Exodus 20:8-10a

### 2. The wise work at turning obstacles into \_\_\_\_\_.

*The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.* Proverbs 15:19

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*  
Romans 8:28

*The sluggard says, "There's a lion outside" or "I'll be murdered in the streets."* Proverbs 22:13

### 3. God rewards \_\_\_\_\_ - not success.

*<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.* Hebrews 11:39-40

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"* Matthew 25:23

#### Next Steps for the Week of February 28:

- ☐ Memorize Colossians 3:23.
- ☐ Attend a home group this week.
- ☐ Take someone with you to HARVEST AMERICA on March 6.
- ☐ Email/mail a story to Pastor Jim about how God has used TRANSFORMED to bless your life.