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Ephesians 6:1-9

John Wesley was convinced that hard work was an inevitable consequence of genuine Christian conversion. In his sermon on "The Use of Money," he urged his 18th-century converts to do all the good they possibly could.*

He insisted, "It is our duty to be diligent." We ought to work "honestly and conscientiously, without sacrificing anything more precious." Of course, our work should not be at the expense of life or physical, mental, or spiritual health?our own or our neighbors'.

With "these cautions and restrictions" carefully followed, Wesley considered it the sacred "duty of all who are engaged in worldly business to observe that first and great rule of Christian wisdom"?to work with industry, diligence, earnestness, persistence, and dispatch.

We should be continually learning?from the experience of others or our own; from reading and reflection?to do everything we have to do better today than we did yesterday.

*<http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/sermon-50-the-use-of-money/>

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