

Welcome

***Elevate Children's Church**

- Pre-K through 1st Grade

***Discover Emmaus for Guests**

- Sunday, Sept 7th @ 9:15am in Lobby

****Men's Off-Site Retreat - Sign Up!!***

- *Fri, Sept 12 - Sat, Sept 13*

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. [John 10:9-11a]

The Good Life

Last Week: Relationships, not pornography

This Week: Work, not gambling

Next Week: Fun, not drunkenness

**Established in Genesis 1-3*

Genesis 1:28

God said to them, “*Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion [stewardship] over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.*”

Genesis 2:15, 18

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. [with trees to eat and avoid]

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

Genesis 3:17b-19

Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you...by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Genesis 11:3-4

“Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” ... Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. *And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Revelation 22:3

No longer will there be anything
accursed, but the throne of God and of
the Lamb will be in it [the New Jerusalem
// New Creation],

and his servants will worship him.

The Destroyers of Work

- Gambling & Greed

**Wealth gained hastily will dwindle; whoever gathers little by little will increase. Prov. 13:11*

**Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. Prov. 16:8*

The Destroyers of Work

- **Gambling**

- Built on Lies and Traps
- Isolates from relationships
- Hinders work; promotes short cuts
- Makes deeper issues worse
- Systemic and Societal concerns
- Conscience (*Word, Spirit, Church)

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**The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.” - Proverbs 13:4*

The Destroyers of Work

- Gambling & Greed
- AI & Apathy
- Workaholism & Bad Theology

**Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. – Colossians 3:23-24*

The Good Life

Week 2: Work

- The Glory of God
- The Good of Others
- My Joy

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess 5:16-18*

Response

*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,
serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in
tribulation, be constant in prayer. Rom
12:11-12*

Where is my hope found?