

***“I don’t work”***

**Gen. 2:8, 15-18**

# Who is not working?

- a. Student
- b. Housewife
- c. Retiree
- d. In between jobs
- e. Incapacitated (e.g. due to sickness/ injury)

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God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God blessed them; and God said to them, “ Be fruitful and multiply ...”

Gen 1:27-28

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- *A gift from God*
- *Place where* - blessing is produced
  - we spend most of our waking hrs

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★ *the “non-worker”*

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**Earners**  
**Keepers**  
**Helpers**  
**Learners**

Who is not working?

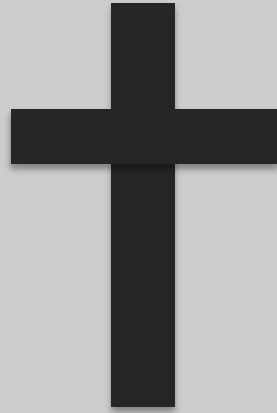
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- ★ *the “non-worker”*
- ★ *the low-significance worker*
- ★ *the minimal worker*
- ★ *the hardworking but unhappy worker*
- ★ *the self-serving worker*
- ★ *the “no need to work anymore” worker*
- ★ ....

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