

People and Work

People work to earn a living, to learn new skills, to live a different experience, to accumulate more wealth and knowledge, to get self-satisfaction, and to gain social recognition. Since each one of these objectives has a value that lasts forever; man should continue to work for as long as he lives.

People therefore should not stop working when they feel that they have gained enough money to meet their basic needs, or accumulated enough wealth to satisfy their financial obligations and ambitions; no man can ever get enough satisfaction or gain enough social recognition or afford to stop learning.

Work generates income, provides self-esteem, causes self-fulfillment and invites social recognition; it also helps bring happiness and empower the weak, while motivating people to establish associations with like minded people to serve higher causes that could not otherwise be served, such as social, religious, environmental, communal, national and certain universal endeavors.

People who do not work because they are wealthy, or due to certain social or cultural constraints, or because they rely on others to support them have little purpose in life; they are unable to live a real life, experience its fullness, and enjoy its promise.

People who can work but choose not to work are wasting their time and talent and knowledge and the opportunity to live a rich life, while becoming a social liability that burdens society, hurts the poor, and wastes valuable family and community and national resources. Such people tend to deny their families and communities and nations the opportunity to make more progress, attain higher standards of living and feel more happy and secure.

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