



The Basics of a Good Work Ethic

What the Bible Says

Yah's Original Intent:

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

1. Tending
2. Guarding

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. (Genesis 1:26-30).

1. Creative work
2. Dominion work
3. Multiplying work
4. Teaching work

"Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening" (Psalm 104:23).

What Went Wrong:

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In **toil** you shall eat of it
All the days of your life.
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are,
And to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:17-19).

To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In **pain** you shall bring forth children;
Your desire shall be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you” (Genesis 3:16).

Same Word in Hebrew

- Satan lies to us. Teach your children who they are.

Protections:

1. Husbands protect their wives. (Wives submit to their husbands.)
2. Parents protect their children. (Children obey their parents.)
3. Do our work faithfully.
 - 1 Timothy 5:14 – give the enemy no opportunity to speak reproachfully

About Our Adversary:

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44).

Some of His Lies:

Lies	Truth
“I can’t.”	The Father created you for this purpose.
“I’m so bored.”	The Father gave us many fulfilling jobs to do.
“never”	This is impossible to be true, and it doesn’t show thankfulness.
Excuses why something can’t be done	There are solutions and alternatives we can consider.
“You’re stupid.”	The Father made everything good.
“You’re so dumb.”	They are untaught.
“You’re a failure,” etc.	They can be helped and encouraged and loved.

- See “Battling Lies with Truth,” Session 1 of the 2019 Doorkeepers Conference: <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/2019doorkeepers/session-1-battling-lies-with-truth/> (Be sure to download the handout!)

Lies	Truth
“It doesn’t matter what I do.” ♦ God has rejected me.	God has accepted us. Work to please only Him. Everything matters to Him.
Feeling depressed, discouraged, or disillusioned ♦ God won’t help me.	God is an ever-present help in time of trouble. We can help others, too (James 2:15-16, James 1:5).
Feeling impatient, selfish, or angry ♦ God isn’t working, or He is too slow.	God is always working. We can work quickly and carefully, too. He did a good work in our children, too, and we should be patient for God to work in their lives.
Feeling restless, nervous, fearful, or filled with anxiety and confusion ♦ God won’t take care me.	God will always take care of us. Worry won’t make anything happen, but we can ask Him for help and trust Him. We can show care and nourishment to others. We can carry the burdens of others.

<p>Feeling argumentative, rude, insensitive, or stubborn.</p> <p>♦ God's methods don't work and are stupid.</p>	<p>Everything God made is good, and all His ways are good. Listen to the ideas of others, too, because they may also be good. Show honor. Explain why you do what you do, during times of non-conflict. Be humble.</p>
<p>Thinking immoral, lustful, or pornographic thoughts</p> <p>♦ God's ways don't have a good outcome.</p>	<p>God made us to be fruitful and multiply, and His ways bring many benefits. Marriage is honorable in all (Hebrews 13:4). Work is fulfilling and has rewards.</p>
<p>Feeling untrusting, indecisive, not able to finish a job</p> <p>♦ God's promises are not true.</p>	<p>God always keeps His Word, but sometimes we have to wait to see the promise fulfilled. We can rehearse His promises and make our decisions based on them. Keep our promises to others.</p>
<p>Feeling prideful, controlling, saying my way is always best</p> <p>♦ God cannot tell me what to do.</p>	<p>God is the ultimate authority, and He has the right to tell us what to do. We must submit to Him and obey Him, even if we don't understand why.</p>
<p>Addictions of all kinds</p> <p>♦ I have no choice; we can't help it.</p>	<p>God has given us dominion over the earth and wants us to use our authority, as long as we stay within the boundaries of His Torah. We have many good choices available to us. Some choices are hard, but we can work hard to do things. Stay on a schedule. Stay disciplined.</p>

Ways to Practice:

- Make a lesson for points you need to work on.
- Make a chart of these lies for the wall.
- Memorize verses for each truth statement. (See the handout from Christine Miller, which is also available in the conference Goodie Bag.)
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/2022basics/goodie-bag/>
- Let children learn to self assess.
- Enforce rules, and do things over if they need to be done better.



Practice all the truth statements

...in the garden

...in the bedroom

...in the kitchen

...with the animals

...with your car

...in your entire home

...in the simple things

Remember who you are!