

Learning to work...

At the beginning of the new year we hosted a 5 day seminar led by our oldest daughter, Rebekah. The purpose of the camp was: "Work and the Value of It". They had an eventful week, starting with an early morning walk at 6:30 and ending in the evening with worship, journaling, and team games. The work consisted of weeding, pruning, mucking out the barn and chicken coop, hauled rocks, etc. . Never did they let sleet or even snow stop them! This time together gave many opportunities to interact about the struggles they were having as they worked. Every night, after 5 hours of good old- fashioned hard work, Rebekah would read to them, which made for a wonderful way to end the day.

Each day, besides their personal devotions, they studied the life of a Biblical character in relation to work (such as the life of Joseph or Rebekah at the well). They also studied a particular word for each new day and then did their work in the manner of that word: faithfulness, excellence, diligence, etc....

Here's what some of our participants had to say:

"One thing that stuck out in my mind is that when I do something that I don't want to do I don't have to listen to what the devil is telling me. He tempts me to grumble and sulk. But instead I can ask God to help me to be cheerful. If I do, I really find that I end up enjoying myself and having a good time."

Another said "I had the most *edifying* time at the work camp at Beth-Haran. I learned more there than I ever have in such a short span of time--- things that I will use for the rest of my life! The things I learned about work, being a servant, worship, womanhood, and the relationship between physical work and submission to Christ will provide excellent fodder in my spiritual growth and my relationships with others."

"Before this camp," says another, "when I worked it was just to work and get it over with. Now I realize that whenever I work I am doing it for God!"

In a time and place where the work ethic is so lacking, this topic merits good discipleship material.

A big thanks Rebekah!

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Our Long-term goals:

When we first thought of ministering to young adults, we started seeking out all of the ministries in the U.S. who were already doing this very thing. From our contact with many of these organizations we came away disappointed. We felt most of them had compromised in two very important areas.

One being, they were not free, some of them costing exorbitant amounts. We felt that the things the Church has to offer are not for sale. Secondly, we noticed that they had bowed the knee to modern psychology and its teachings as a necessary part of the healing process. It was at this point that our vision to begin a ministry based on the power of God as the source for true healing, began to seal in our hearts.

Ultimately, we would like to become a role model to the Church of a sound ministry built upon the foundation of the Scriptures.

Therefore, we continue in the desire to provide not only a challenge for our students, but also a testimony to the Church of a strong Biblical alternative.

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But as many as received Him, to them
gave He power to become the sons of
God, even to them that believe on His