


Loving the City through our Work

Various Proverbs

Global ranking of working hours

Source: UBS Prizes and Earnings 2015



	Cities	Average weekly working hours	Annual paid vacation days
1	Hong Kong	50.1	17
2	Mumbai	43.8	21
3	Mexico City	43.5	17
4	New Delhi	42.6	26
5	Bangkok	42.1	9
6	Dubai	42.0	30
7	Nairobi	42.0	22
8	Taipei	41.2	13
9	Jakarta	40.4	12
10	Bogota	40.3	15
15	Tokyo	39.5	17
16	Shanghai	39.4	7
22	Beijing	37.8	10
71	Paris	30.8	29

*A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

(Proverbs 15:1)

*Prepare your work outside;
get everything ready for yourself in the field,
and after that build your house.*

(Proverbs 24:27)

1.

Why Work

- Providing for yourself

*A worker's appetite works for him;
his mouth urges him on.*

(Proverbs 16:26)

- Providing for yourself & your family

*23 Know well the condition of your flocks,
and give attention to your herds ...*

*26 the lambs will provide your clothing,
and the goats the price of a field.*

*27 There will be enough goats' milk for your food,
for the food of your household
and maintenance for your girls.*

(Proverbs 27:23, 26-27)

- Providing for yourself & your family
- Serving society

*The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.*

(Proverbs 11:26)



Love

*17 ... Cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
19 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 3:17-19)

1.

Why Work

2.

What Work



Love

*Whoever works their land will have abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of
poverty.*

(Proverbs 28:19, NIV)

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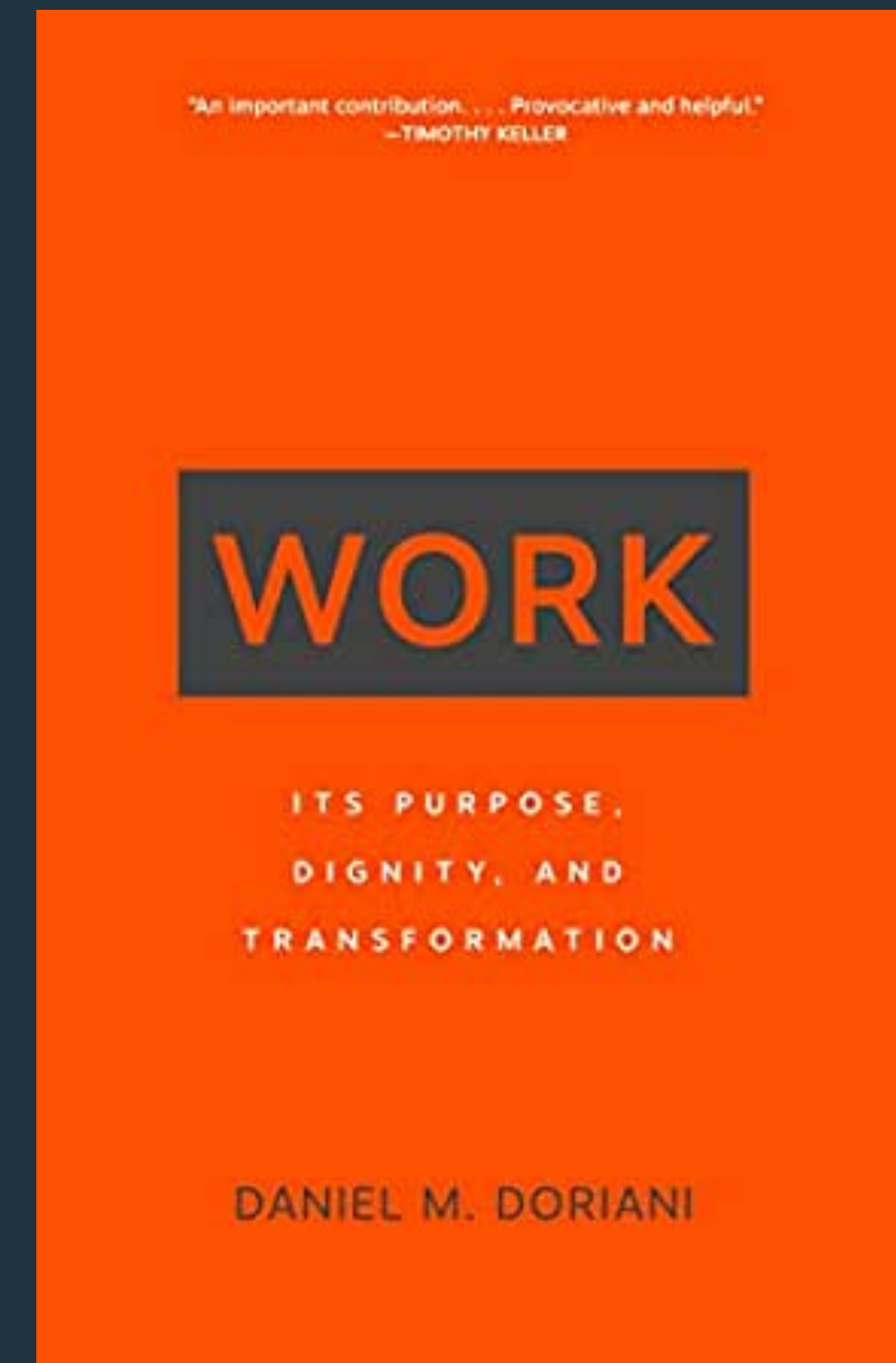
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[A fulfilling career...]

... this myth applies (at best) to those who have native intelligence, a network of supportive adults, a strong work ethic, and access to an elite education, by world standards. Those in the lower socioeconomic classes rarely have such opportunities.

(Daniel M. Doriani, *Work*, 94, referring to Douglass Schuurman, *Vocation*, 117-121)



*Do you see a man skillful in his work?
He will stand before kings;
he will not stand before obscure men.
(Proverbs 22:29)*

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- You have higher priorities



1. Why Work

2. What Work

3. How to Work

- Be Diligent

*Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him.*

(Proverbs 10:26)

- Be Diligent
- Be Honest

*A false balance is an abomination to the Lord,
but a just weight is his delight.*

(Proverbs 11:1)

- Be Diligent
- Be Honest
- Be Just & Fair

*The wicked accepts a bribe in secret
to pervert the ways of justice.*

(Proverbs 17:23)

- Be Diligent
- Be Honest
- Be Just
- Be Compassionate

Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

(Proverbs 22:16)

Love

⁹ Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

(Titus 2:9-10)



