

THE

SECRET

OF

LIFE

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Life is Hard and it
Requires Working
At It



Success is sweet but it usually has the smell of sweat to it.

Adam and Eve did not get the day off: *Genesis 2:15 (p 2)*

Psalms 128:2 (p 713); Proverbs 6:6-11 (p 730) 24:30-34 (p 754)



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Work is usually dressed up in overalls!

"There is no place where success comes before work, except in the dictionary." (Donald Kendall)



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God intends for His people to work hard for Him

Ephesians 6:5-9 (p 1347)

Colossians 3:17, 22 – 4:1 (p 1355)

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Marriage Takes Work



Love is the basis for marriage but there is more to making marriage work than being in love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (p 1321)



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God's view of marriage is very clear!

Hebrews 13:4 (p 1384)

Colossians 3:18-21 (p 1355)

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The Most Important Part of Life



Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13 (p 1349)

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God loves you and desires you to be saved, but there will be no blessings unless you come to the vineyard to work.

Matthew 20 (p 1135)

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS

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Man is not saved by grace alone

GRACE = *Ephesians 2:4-10 (p 1343)*

WORKS = *James 2:14-26 (p 1387)*

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"You can always tell when you are on the road to success; it's uphill all the way." (Paul Harvey)

IT IS ALL OUT WAR: 2 Corinthians 10:36 (p 1343)

A stack of old, yellowed papers is shown against a dark, textured background. A prominent red stamp with a distressed, ink-like texture reads "THE SECRET OF LIFE". The word "SECRET" is the largest and most central part of the stamp. Below the stamp, the words "OF LIFE" are written in a dark, textured font, appearing to be on a piece of paper that has been torn out of the stack. The overall aesthetic is that of an old, hidden document or a treasure map.

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THEN THOSE
WHO GLADLY
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(ACTS 2:41)