



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

INDUSTRIOUSNESS

Having the virtue of industriousness means that you are diligent and hard-working, especially in a way that will produce maturity. When we are young, being industrious can look like: completing homework on time, doing chores without being asked, taking care of pets, etc. As you grow older each year, showing your industriousness also grows and becomes more detailed and complex, each year building upon the previously shown work, thus producing maturity. The Bible has much to say about hard-work and sowing the seeds of righteousness in our lives. While not all of us are called to be farmers, we can learn a great deal about hard-work in our own life through the work of a farmer. Industriousness does not just mean you work hard in your day-job, it means you are diligent about doing the right thing in every situation. Farmers work tirelessly day-in and day-out. The work never stops. This is the diligent work for Christ that we, as Christians, are all called to do in whatever and wherever God has placed us. Listen to Paul Harvey's 'God Made a Farmer' speech and then think of it in the context of the work that God has placed in your life and how it all relates to the Colossians passage below.

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**
Colossians 3:23-24
- **Pray:** Lord God, give us a motivated heart to serve You in all we do. Let our work, through actions and words, not be self-serving, but to bring You glory.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9