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There Is Work to Do!

How I admire men, women, and children who know how to work! How the Lord loves the **laborer!** He said, “The laborer is worthy of his hire” (D&C 84:79). Those who are unafraid to roll up their sleeves and lose themselves in the pursuit of worthwhile goals are a blessing to their families, communities, nations, and to the Church.

The Lord doesn’t expect us to work harder than we are able. He doesn’t (nor should we) compare our efforts to those of others. Our Heavenly Father asks only that we do the best we can—that we work according to our full **capacity,** however great or small that may be.

Work is a doorway to possibility. Whatever our circumstances, let us do the best we can and cultivate a reputation for excellence in all that we do. Let us set our minds and bodies to the glorious opportunity for work that each new day presents.

President Thomas S. Monson put it this way:

“It’s in the *doing*, not just the *thinking*, that we accomplish our goals.”

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From an October 2009 general conference address.

laborer:
 someone who works

capacity:
 ability



A NEW LIFE

When President Uchtdorf was 11, his family moved from East to West Germany. Although his new life was difficult, working helped him adjust. He said, “That’s the thing about work. If we simply keep at it—steady and constant—things certainly will improve.”



vacuum dust mop clean sinks dust chalkboards

CLEANING THE CHURCH

Working blesses the Church. Five friends helped clean the church building on Saturday morning. Use the clues below to figure out what each one did! See answers on page 48.

1. Both girls are allergic to dust and chalk dust.
2. Aaron came home with wet shoes.
3. Michael came home covered in white dust.
4. Alexis wore gloves to keep her hands dry.

Brooklyn

Jacob

Aaron

Alexis

Michael

WORD fun

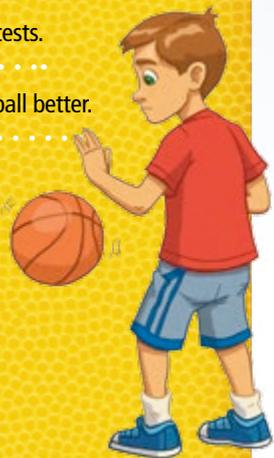
President Uchtdorf taught that the Lord loves the laborer. Look closely at the 15 letters in the phrase “loves the laborer.” What other words can you make from these 15 letters? Here’s one to start you off: *brave*. On page 48 you’ll find five more. What words did you find?

loves the laborer

KEEP AT IT

How could work help in these situations?

1. Claire can never find her shoes because her room is messy.
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2. Diego wants to do better on spelling tests.
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3. Erik wishes he could dribble a basketball better.
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4. Reading the Book of Mormon is difficult because Elena doesn’t know all of the words.
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5. Aiden feels shy when he meets new people.
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6. Lena’s mom is tired, and the baby starts crying.



Pick something that you could work on, and set a goal to accomplish it!