

# Employment

## Word Forms:

- employment (n)      You need to have employment to make money.
- employ (v)          You need to be employed to make money.
- employer (n)        Your employer is the person for whom you work.
- employee (n)        An employee is someone who works for a company.

## Related Words:

- job (n)                Do you like your job?
- work (n)              I go to work at 9:00 in the morning.
- work (v)              How many hours a week do you work?
- worker (n)            It took many workers to build the new bridge.
- occupation (n)        What is your occupation?
- profession (n)        You can make more money in some professions than others.
- position (n)          What is your position at your company?
- business (n)         John started his own business after graduating from college.
- labor (adj) (also n,v) Many countries observe a "Labor Day" to honor their workers.
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- unemployed (adj)     It's difficult to support a family if both parents are unemployed.

## Exercises:

1. This bank \_\_\_\_\_ about fifty \_\_\_\_\_.
2. John wants to enter the teaching \_\_\_\_\_ after he graduates from college.
3. I hold the \_\_\_\_\_ of General Manager at my company.

## Questions:

1. Are you currently employed? If so, where do you work? What is your position?
2. If you're employed, do you like your job? Why or why not?
3. If you could choose any occupation, which one would you choose? Why?

## Bible Readings:

1. "Make it your goal to live quietly, do your work, and earn your own living, as we ordered you. Then your way of life will win the respect from those outside, and you won't have to depend on anyone else for what you need."  
(1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, God's Word)
2. Jesus said, "My Father is at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." (John 5:17, NIV)
3. Jesus said, "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life..." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:27-29, NIV)

## Questions:

1. Does the Bible say it's good to work and earn our living? Why or why not? (reading 1)
2. What works do you think Jesus meant when he said that a) his Father is working and that b) he, too, is working? (reading 2)
3. What kind of food did Jesus say that we should work for? (reading 3)

4. What "work" do we need to do to receive that food? (reading 3)