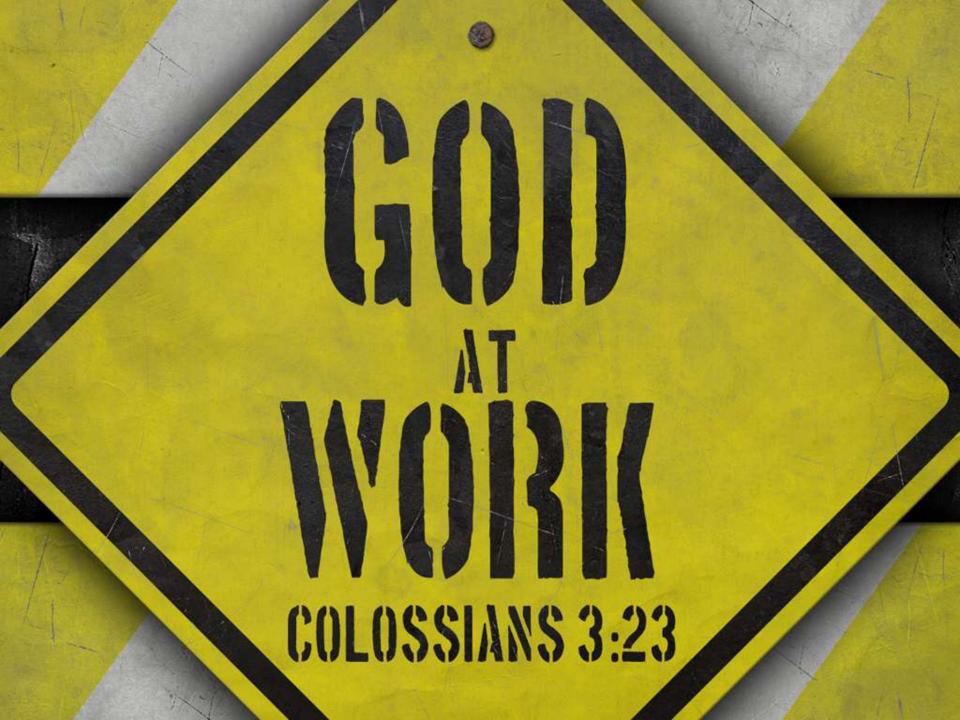
Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.





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Proverbs 8:27-31 - 27 When He established the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 when He made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 29 when He set to the sea its limit so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth; 30 then I was beside Him, like a master workman; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, 31 rejoicing in his inhabited world, and delighting in the children of man.

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1 Thessalonians 4:10-12 – But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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Isaiah 28:24-29 - Does he who plows for sowing plow continually? Does he continually open and harrow his ground? When he has leveled its surface, does he not scatter dill, sow cumin, and put in wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and emmer as the border? For He is rightly instructed; his God teaches him...Does one crush grain for bread? No, he does not thresh it forever; when he drives his car wheel over it with his horses, he does not crush it. This also comes from the Lord of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-13 – For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Ephesians 6:5-9 – 5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. 9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

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