

# Morning Lesson

## THE LITTLE RED HEN (THE DIGNITY OF LABOR)

2 Thess. 3:7-13

### INTRO:

1. The Little Red Hen is an American fable.
2. Aesop's fable about the ant and the grasshopper.  
**Prov. 6:6; 30:25**
3. Scriptural theme from the very beginning of time.  
**Gen. 2:15**
4. Why should I be industrious?

### I. TO BE LIKE GOD.

- A. He created everything in six days then rested on the seventh because he was through, not tired. **Ex. 20:11**
- B. How often do we see Jesus being idle? **Mark 6:31**
- C. Jesus is our perfect example and we are to be an example to others. **1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Thess. 4:11, 12**

### II. TO PROVIDE FOR MYSELF AND OTHERS.

- A. Work produces gain. **Prov. 10:4, 5; 13:4**
- B. Laziness will bring nothing positive. **Prov. 19:15; 23:21; 24:30-34**
- C. A Christian is to be benevolent. **Eph. 4:28**
- D. A person that will not work to provide for his loved ones might as well deny the existence of God; the result will be the same. **1 Tim. 5:8**

### III. TO GET TO HEAVEN.

- A. Following Christ requires effort. **Rom. 10:17; 2 Tim. 2:15; Matt. 6:19-21, 33; 7:7, 8**
- B. Paul had to work at it. **1 Cor. 9:27**
- C. We cannot get lazy in our journey. **Heb. 4:9-11; 6:12**

### CONC:

1. Benevolence is a good thing.
2. Learn to work smart. **Eccl. 10:10**
3. There is something fulfilling in being so tired that you fall asleep with your clothes on and don't even remember doing it. **Eccl. 5:12**