

WORK ETHIC – LESSON 4
“WORK IS A GOOD THING!”
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In this lesson, we will discuss why work is such a good thing! You will need to examine your thoughts and convictions about work and ask yourself why you think the way you do.

1. Give 10 reasons why work is a “good thing”.
2. When can work become a “bad” thing?
3. Of the 10 reasons you listed in question 1, which 2 things have the most value to you and why?
4. In your opinion, when and why did work become a “bad” thing in our country?
5. Imagine your life 15 years from now..... you are a.....wife, husband, father, mother, machinist, welder, engineer,you have kids, bills, debt, assets,.....vacations planned,.....and then.....your job is gone.....your company closes its doors. Does your view of work change? Why or why not?
6. In the United States, you get to choose your profession. Have you given much thought to what a gift this is? What do you think of that?
7. Who’s “job” is it to provide opportunity for you to have a good job and why do you think this?
8. Can we appreciate the privilege of getting to work even though we may not enjoy the work we are doing? Explain.
9. Listen to the Brooks and Dunn song “Only in America”. Did any line in the song stand out to you and why? Does everybody really “get the chance” and “get to dance”?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtfQOsQZj7U>
10. Do you give much thought to the opportunities the welding and machining program at Capital High School provides for you? What are those thoughts? Do you think inner city kids or kids in very rural areas get these opportunities? What needs to change in your thinking regarding what you have been given here at Capital High School?
11. Why is work in manufacturing and construction good work?