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“Walk the Talk”

*All hard work brings a profit,
But mere talk leads only to poverty.*
Proverbs 14:23

When I played football, our coach had this threatening way of saying, “You better be ready to walk the talk,” after working us into a frenzy yelling that we are going to beat so-and-so. He would remind us that anyone can stand out on a practice field and yell, “beat so-and-so,” but really winning only came through putting that talk into the action of playing your very best during the game.

This is true of most things in life, and this proverb applies it to our work ethic and gaining profit. There are all kinds of schemes that people try to use to get rich without actually working. The reality is that talking about getting rich doesn’t make you rich. Most profit is gained by good old fashioned hard work. Talking won’t get it done.

There are many reasons for poverty in the world. Some of it is due to circumstances beyond a person’s control. However, sometimes it is a matter of laziness. No one wants to be called “lazy.” But anyone who talks about working, but is unwilling to work, is lazy. You have got to walk the talk!

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