

**THE WORLD OF WORK****INTRODUCTION**

In the first half of the year 2009, the amount of job losses, and the increase in the unemployment rate were staggering. The chart below is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Chart 1. Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted,  
July 2007 – July 2009**

**BIBLICAL LESSON**

In the light of the worst job losses in 34 years, we need to see what the Bible says about work. What is the proper attitude associated with work? How can we prepare ourselves for work in this age? The Bible, as usual, has answers for us.

Be an example of work. II Thessalonians 3:6-15.

Be diligent as a rule. Proverbs 6:6-11, Proverbs 22: 29, Proverbs 12:24-28

Educate yourself. Proverbs 24:30-34, Proverbs 22:17-21

**APPLICATION**

Are you doing all you can to make yourself valued at your job?

What can be done to get gainful employment if you lose your job?