

Labor Day -Reflection

Labor Day is a federal holiday set aside to honor the economic and social contributions of American workers. Labor Day officially recognizes the contributions workers make in our nation's economy. It has been a federal holiday since 1894 and often marks the unofficial end of summer. However, if you consider Scripture, it has a lot to say about the rhythm of work and rest.

God has been active from the beginning and His works are the first thing we read about, *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” and when he created man, the first command he gave them was to exercise dominion over the whole of creation* (Genesis 1:28).

In many ways, Labor Day is like a man made American Sabbath day, *“And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done”* (Genesis 2:3). In the Jewish tradition, the Sabbath is the focal point of the week. It is a day to rest your body while renewing your mind by making the focus of the day your Maker and your relationship with Him.

In Exodus 20:8, God commanded His people to rest one day in seven because He rested from the work of creation and because He redeemed them from the hand of their enemies. You ought to be thankful, because God blesses the fruit of your labor as a means to provide for your needs. *“You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be”* (Psalm 128).

All of your tasks, jobs, work is service to God. Even if though hard work is often taken granted by man, how you work matters to God so work as though God is your boss. So do your best, as to the Lord, for it honors God, and remember, *“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped others and continue to help them”* (Hebrews 6:10).

As the work week resumes tomorrow, remember that all your labor is a reflection of the Creator and that whatever you do, in word or deed, do all to the glory of God by making this your focal point for year!

Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3).

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