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CHRIST & CULTURE

Week 4: Created to Work
Genesis 2:15

Senior Teaching Pastor Jim Supp - Reston Bible Church - Sunday, September 22nd 2024

“Work is the source of nearly all the misery in the world. Almost any evil you’d care to name comes from working or from living in a world designed for work. In order to stop suffering, we have to stop working...A worker is a part-time slave.”

*Bob Black
The Abolition of Work*

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the
midst of wolves, so be **wise as serpents**
and **innocent as doves**.

Matthew 10:16 ESV

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and **subdue it, and have dominion over it.**”

Genesis 1:28 ESV

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Genesis 2:15 ESV

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Work: Exert oneself by doing mental or physical work for a purpose.

Keep: to maintain a certain state, position or activity. To guard and preserve.

We are designed by God to exert energy in creating, developing & preserving through work.

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**“To not believe in God, one is condemned
to a senseless universe.”**

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

1. The Source of Work

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
and all the host of them. And on the seventh
day **God finished his work** that he had done...

Genesis 2:1-2 ESV

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, **it was very good.**

Genesis 1:31 ESV

2. The Rhythm of Work

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day **God finished his work** that he had done, and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Genesis 2:1-2 ESV

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and **rested on the seventh day.”**

Exodus 20:8-11 ESV

3. The Responsibility to Work

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work it and keep it.**

Genesis 2:15 ESV

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For **each will have to bear his own load.**

Galatians 6:2-5 ESV

But if anyone does not **provide for his relatives**, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 ESV

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.** For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 ESV

4. The Purpose of Work

To the glory of God,
for the benefit of others.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do **all to the glory of God**. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, **not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.**

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 ESV

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something **to share with anyone in need.**

Ephesians 4:28 ESV

**A man who works with his hands is a laborer.
A man who works with his hands and his brain
is a craftsman. A man who works his hands,
his brain and his heart is an artist.**

Louis Nizer

5. The Reward of Work

“The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.”

John Ruskin

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord **you will receive** the inheritance as **your reward**. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

One who is **faithful in a very little** is also **faithful in much**, and one who is dishonest in a **very little** is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10 ESV

...that every person who eats and drinks
sees good in all his labor—this is the gift
of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13 NASB

6. The Degradation of Work

...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **By the sweat of your face** you shall eat bread...

Genesis 3:17-19 ESV

“Work makes a mockery of freedom.”
Abolition of Man

...keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us... For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is **not willing to work, let him not eat.**

For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-12 ESV

1. You Bring Meaning & Value to all Work

2. Seek to Honor God in the Service of Others

3. Make a change if necessary

**“I never did a day’s work I my life.
It was all fun.”**

Thomas Edison

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