

The Year Long Celebration of God

Labor Day Bible Reading

God's Works

- **Genesis 1:1**, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
- **Genesis 2:15**, *"Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it."*
- **Psalms 90:17**, *"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands."*
- **Philippians 1:6**, *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."*
- **Philippians 2:13**, *"For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."*
- **Ecclesiastes 3:12-13**, *"I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; 13 moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God."*
- **Isaiah 65:17-18**, *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness."*
- **John 5:17**, Jesus said, *"My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."*
- **John 17:4**, Jesus said, *"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do."*

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How Christians are to Work

- **Colossians 3:23-24**, *“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”*
- **Proverbs 16:3**, *“Commit your works to the Lord And your plans will be established.”*
- **Ephesians 4:28**, *“He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.”*
- **John 6:27**, *“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”*
- **Galatians 6:4-5**, *“But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load.”*
- **Proverbs 12:24**, *“The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack hand will be put to forced labor.”*
- **I Corinthians 15:58**, *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”*
- **Proverbs 22:29**, *“Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.”*
- **Luke 14:28**, *“For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?”*
- **Matthew 5:16**, *“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*
- **II Timothy 2:15**, *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”*
- **Ephesians 6:5-8**, *“Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.”*

Consequences for Fallen Work

- **Genesis 3:17-19**, *“Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”*
- **Proverbs 18:9**, *“He also who is slack in his work Is brother to him who destroys.”*
- **II Thessalonians 3:10-13**, *“If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.”*
- **Proverbs 14:23**, *“In all labor there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty.”*
- **Proverbs 12:11**, *“He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who pursues worthless things [work] lacks sense.”*
- **I Timothy 5:8**, *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*
- **James 2:14-26**, *“14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”*