

Exodus #54

The Moral Law

Lesson #6

“The Fourth Commandment – Honor
the Sabbath”

Part I: Understanding Why We Work

Exodus 20:8-11

The calling to work.

The calling to rest.

The disciplines of the use of time.

Exodus 20:8-11

“⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; {in it} you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Sabbath - Genesis 2:2-3

Marriage - Genesis 2:22-24

Labor - Genesis 2:15

Colossians 3:23-24

“²³ 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.”

“There is a difference between washing the dishes, and preaching the Word of God; but as trying to please God, none at all.”

Webster's - Perfunctory: characterized by routine, or superficiality, lacking in interest or enthusiasm, i.e. apathetic.

II Thessalonians 3:11-12

“¹¹ 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.”

Proverbs 24:30-34

“³⁰ I passed by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense; ³¹ And behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles, its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. ³² When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, {and} received instruction. ³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, ³⁴ Then your poverty will come {as} a robber, and your want like an armed man.”

Proverbs 20:10, 23

“¹⁰ Differing weights and differing measures, both of them are abominable to the LORD.”

“²³ Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD, and a false scale is not good.”

Workaholic.

Neglect of family.

Children without parents – no spiritual instruction in the home.

Genesis 1:26-27

“²⁶ Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ²⁷

And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

“Perhaps you feel chained to a kitchen counter. You wash the same dishes time and again. You clean the same house day after day. Maybe you spend your days outside the home, bound to a desk or a workstation. Work is a taxing chore. Your only hope is reaching retirement age. If these are your feelings, something has to change. We learn from Scripture that work is an honor that God gives to His noble images. It is not to be despised, but cherished.

“The Great King has summoned each one of us into His throne room. This time, however, he is not entrusting jewels to us; rather, He is distributing property. ‘Take this portion of my kingdom,’ He says. ‘I am making you my steward over your office, your workbench, your kitchen stove. Put your heart into mastering this part of my world. Get it in order; unearth its treasures; do all you can with it. Then everyone will see what a glorious King I am.’”

**Each one of us has a calling by
God to go out into the world
and subdue that portion that
God has led us to.**

**What we produce
should reflect the
excellence of Christ.**

Laziness is not a virtue.

Workaholism is not a virtue.

**We are God's ambassadors
to the part of the universe
that He has given to us.**