

Labor Day

There was a time when it was common for laborers to work 18 and even 20 hours a day. Even Jesus told the story of a man that hired workers to work in his field for 12 hours (6:00 am to 6:00 pm) **Matthew 20:1-16**.

Are those hours too many? Is the 8-hour workday better? Why not 6 hours? Why not 4 hours? Remember, some only worked 1 hour in the story Jesus told!

Someone suggested that if you love what you do, it is not really “*work*”! Should these people work 24 hours a day? Don’t they have a family? Don’t they need to eat or sleep?

We all need to rest! Take a day off, like **Labor Day**, and enjoy the day, but recognize that “*labor*” is good! We should respect laborers and what they have accomplished.

Here are some things God says about labor:

I Timothy 5:18 The laborer is worthy of his reward

I Corinthians 15:58 Our labor is not in vain

Ephesians 4:28 Labor so we can give to others

Hebrews 4:11 If we want true rest, we must labor

Just remember what **I Corinthians 3:9** says, “*For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*”

We work for God! Working for God is a 24/7 proposition. His labor can be challenging (**Luke 9:23**), but He promises to share the load (**Matthew 11:29**) and His commandments are not grievous (**I John 5:3**)!

Employers and business owners who know and appreciate their employees, understand their talents, and give them the time and resources to put those talents to work, have successful businesses.

God knows and loves us! He has given us the time, talent, and resources to accomplish His will in our lives! When we labor for Him, we will not only enjoy this life, but also the life to come! Remember, His retirement plan is out of this world!