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The Dignity of Work

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Americans have celebrated Labor Day since 1882, when advocates for workers called for a day of rest for the nation's labor force. Since then, the holiday has become an American institution – an observance that marks the end of summer and celebrates the workers who make this nation the wonder of the world.

The Bible dignifies human labor. Our Creator made us to work, and gave us the capacity to fabricate, to plow, to invent, and to organize our energies together. The Bible condemns laziness and sloth, and honors hard work.

This nation has become the greatest economic power the world has ever seen. To a great extent, this is a great tribute to American workers. Even in the age of the information economy, this nation depends on the millions of workers who faithfully and effectively do their work, perform their jobs, and lead the world in productivity.

So enjoy Labor Day – and remember the dignity of work . . . and of workers.

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