

INTRODUCTION: LABOR DAY (back to work, school)

I. THE JOY OF WORK IN CREATION (old & new; see Eph.4:24-28)

A. IMAGE (Gen.1:26,27; 5:1; 9:6; see Eph.4:24)

B. DOMINION (Gen.1:26,28; Ps.8:6f)

C. REST (Gen.2:1-3; Ex.20:8f; see Gen.1:31; 3:8; Ps.104:23; see Num.29:6; Lev.23; see Eph.2:1f,10)

D. DUST (Gen.2:7; see 1:24f; see Jn.1:14)

E. PLACED (Gen.2:15a)

F. COMMISSIONED (Gen.2:15b; 1:28; see 1:8,5)

G. BLESSING GIVEN (Gen.1:28f; 2:15,16)

H. CURSING WARNED (Gen.2:17; see 3:1f,16f)

I. GIFTS & CALLINGS (Gen.1:26f; 2:7f; see 4:20-22; Rom.11:29; 1Pt.4:10f)

II. THE JOY OF WORK IN SPITE OF SIN

A. SIN RUINS EVERYTHING (Gen.3:1f,16f; see 2Sam.11:1f; 1Kngs.11:1f; Mt.16:16f,21f; yet 2Cor.4:16f; Rev.22)

B. MERCY RELIEVES THE CURSE (Gen.3:16,17; see Ps.86:15)

C. GRACE RENEWS THE BLESSING (Gen.3:24; 9:1f; 12:2f; see Ps.1:1f; 67:1; Mt.5:3f)

D. WISDOM FINDS THE GOOD (Prov.27:7; Eccl.2:24f; 3:12f; 5:18f; 8:15; 9:7f; 11:9f)

III. THE JOY OF WORK IN THE HOME & CHURCH

A. HOME (Ps.127,128; 104:23; see Prov.31:10f; 1Tm.5:9f)

B. CHURCH (1Cor.12:7f,25; Eph.4:11f,16,28; Phil.4:15; 1Pt.4:10,11)

IV. THE JOY OF WORK IN OSWEGO

A. CHURCHES & BUSINESSES (see Ps.107:4f,33f)

B. NEIGHBORS: SHOP, HIRE (see Mt.22:39; Gal.6:10; Lk.6:27f)

C. GIFT OF ENTREPRENEURS, TEACHERS (see Mt.20:1f; Mk.1:20; Lk.15:17f; Prv.30:10f; see 2Tm.2:2)

CONCLUSION: JOB JOY!

A. MAKE IT YOUR AMBITION (1Th.4:11,12; 2Th.3:6-12; Eph.4:28; see Eccl.5:18f,etc.)

B. PRAY FOR WORK WITH THANKSGIVING (Phil.4:6,7; Ps.90:17)

C. PREPARE TO WORK WITH SKILLFULNESS (Prov.2:29; Ex.31:2f; 1Chr.15:22; Rom.11:29)

D. DO YOUR WORK W/DILIGENCE (Col.3:22,23; Eph.6:5f /Prv.6:6f;13:4;19:24;20:4;21:25;22:13;24:30;26:13f; Hb6:11f)

E. ENJOY YOUR WORK & ITS FRUIT (Ps.90:17; Eccl.2:24f (etc. above II.D.); see 1Cor.10:30; 1Tm.4:3f)

F. WORK WHILE IT IS DAY (Gen.1:5,etc.; Ps.104:23; Jn.9:4; see Num.8:24f)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)