

## **“THE THEOLOGY OF WORK AND LABOR”**

**INTRO:** We are currently in the midst of the **LABOR DAY WEEKEND** here in the United States, which is often referred to as the last holiday of the summer season. During this time, many people go away for one last summer retreat or have picnics with family and friends before school gets into full operation and the fall season approaches. According to an entity called **“HISTORY.COM,”** the history of **LABOR DAY** is as follows: (Read the given history).

WORK AND LABOR are concepts that are clearly grounded in the Word of God and should be thus examined according to scriptural teachings. Therefore, today I want to speak for a few minutes on **“THE THEOLOGY OF WORK AND LABOR.”**

**NOTE:** The word **“THEOLOGY”** speaks of **“THE SCIENCE OF GOD AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE AND MANKIND AS PRESENTED IN THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE.”** With that in mind, today we are going to conduct a brief examination of **THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW OF THE THEOLOGY OF WORK AND LABOR.**

### ***I. FROM THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE***

- A. Work and Labor is a Gift from God – Genesis 2:15
- B. Work and Labor is an Expectation of God – 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
- C. Work and Labor is an Accountability to God – Colossians 3:23,24

### ***II. FROM THE SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE***

(Consider Ephesians 2:10 along with an examination of the Book of Titus)

- A. From Ephesians 2:10
  - Each Christian has been “Ordained” by God unto Good works of ministry.
- B. From the Book of Titus
  - 1. A Pattern of Good Works – Titus 2:7
  - 2. A Zeal for Good Works – Titus 2:14
  - 3. A Readiness for Good Works – Titus 3:1
  - 4. A Carefulness for Good Works – Titus 3:8
  - 5. A Fruitfulness in Good works – Titus 3:14

### ***III. FROM THE PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE***

- A. Avoid Physical Laziness
  - 1. Ecclesiastes 9:10
  - 2. 1 Thessalonians 4:12
- B. Avoid Spiritual Laziness
  - 1 Corinthians 15:58

### ***LESSON AND APPLICATION***

God expects every Christian to work hard physically and spiritually. In God’s will, there is no room for laziness or slothfulness to any degree. After the work is done, then there can be rest.