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## SCRIPTURE READING

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*

— GENESIS 2:15

*"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters"*

— COLOSSIANS 3:23

*"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God."*

— EXODUS 20:9-10

# Work Reimagined

*Worship, Purpose, and the Gift of Sabbath*

## REFLECTION

International Labour Day, held every year on May 1st, is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the dignity of work, the importance of rest, and the ultimate purpose behind our work.

*Work is an Act of Worship, not a Curse*

It is common for people to view work as a necessary evil or a result of the "fall". However, in the record of creation, God demonstrates the value of work and the worker. He created the heavens and the earth, and then He invited us to be co-creators with Him. Work existed before sin entered the world. Daily responsibilities, paid or not, are an opportunity to demonstrate the hope we have because of our relationship with the Creator.

*Working for a Higher Purpose*

No doubt there will be times when we question the value of our work, perhaps because of a difficult manager, low pay, or lack of recognition. When gratitude doesn't come, remember who you are serving, not only your earthly boss, but also God. Our work is a demonstration of obedience, gratefulness, and an act of worship

*Remember the Sabbath*

International Labour Day often focuses on the rights of workers. God set us the example of and the right to Sabbath. Our culture, context and values can drive us to work too much, but sound health requires rest and recovery – physical, emotional, and spiritual. We are more than our productivity or activities. God rested not because He was tired, but to set a rhythm for our lives.

## Questions for Reflection

1. Do you see your work as an opportunity to demonstrate God's love, or to share the hope you have because of your relationship to the Creator?
2. If Jesus were your direct supervisor today, how might that change your attitude toward your most tedious or overlooked task?
3. Are you trusting God enough to rest from your work? Do you recognize and acknowledge that physical and emotional rest not only restore your health but also lead to greater fruitfulness in your work?

## PRAYER

Lord, thank You for meaningful work and income to provide for our needs and those who depend on us. We pray for those seeking employment – that they would find work that provides for their needs and allows them to find fulfilment and purpose in that work. We pray for those who are in challenging work environments where joy is elusive. Help us to be exemplary witnesses of the hope we have because of our relationship with You, to work with integrity and enthusiasm. Amen.