

## **Sermon for Labor Day**

### **Scripture Reading:**

*“For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.” — 1 Timothy 5:18 (KJV)*

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### **Message:**

Labor Day is a time to pause and reflect on the value of work. From the beginning, God designed work not as a curse, but as a calling. In the Garden of Eden, before sin entered the world, Adam was given the responsibility to “dress and keep” the garden (Genesis 2:15). Work was meant to bring purpose, dignity, and provision.

Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 5:18 that a laborer is worthy of their wages. This means God honors honest work, and He calls us to respect and reward those who labor—whether with their hands, their minds, or their hearts.

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### **Story:**

There’s a story of a small-town builder who spent years constructing houses for his community. One day, nearing retirement, his employer asked him to build one last home. Tired and ready to stop, the builder cut corners—using cheaper materials and rushing through the work. When the house was finished, the employer handed him the keys and said, “This house is my gift to you. You’ve built it for yourself.”

The builder was stunned. He realized he had cheated himself by not putting in his best.

The story reminds us: the work we do is not just for others, it’s also

for ourselves—and ultimately, for the Lord. When we labor with integrity, we build something lasting.

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**Closing Thought:**

On this Labor Day, remember that every honest job has dignity before God. Whether in the field, factory, office, or home, our work matters. Let us give thanks for the strength to labor, honor those who work among us, and do all things “*heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men*” (Colossians 3:23).

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