

Created To Do Good Work

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[Exodus 20:8–11] ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

2 Implied Commands:

- Six days you shall labor, and do all your work
- You shall not do any work, you, or your...

Work after the Fall: painful toil

[Eccl 1:3; 2:22–23] ^{1:3}What does a man gain by all the toil...? ^{2:22}What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity/meaningless.

The Goodness of Work: there is “nothing better”

[Eccl 2:24] There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and *find enjoyment/rejoice* in his toil/work.

Constructing a Positive Vision: work for you and those around you

[Genesis 1:27–28] ²⁷So God created man *in his own image*, in the *image of God* he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and *subdue* it and *have dominion* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” [Genesis 2:15] The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Your Work: Promoting and Encouraging Rest for Those around You