

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## Labor & Rest

What is your first **paying job**? (outside your household)

- **Why** did you get it?
- **What did it represent to you?**

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**Labor & Rest** originated with God

**God created** the heavens & the earth in six days

**Genesis 2:3**, "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it **He rested** from **all His work** which God had created and made."

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God's crown of creation is **not** the marvels of His Universe...

- The earth or its species

**Genesis 1:26-27**, Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; **in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

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We are made **by God**, to be **like God**...

- Within the limits of our humanity
- **We are**, and always will be **finite!**

He is **self-existent, Uncreated & Eternal**...

- Past, Present & Future

So... **in His likeness**, "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**

**Work is part of the blessing of godliness**, not the curse!

- They had not sinned yet

We rest **from** our work, **because** God rested from His.

- Work **precedes** rest
- We can't rest **from** work, unless we **do** work

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As we said last week, **hell is working hard** to destroy godliness!

Two of the primary assaults are:

- Our **God given gender** identity
- Promoting **entitlement** instead of **reward**

**Hebrews 11:6**, "Anyone who comes to God must believe that **He is**, and that **He is a rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him."

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God's Universe has **two sets of laws**:

- **Physical & Moral**
- **Scientific Fact & Good and Evil**
- Physical laws (Physics) can be **discovered & verified**
- Good & evil are **revealed by God**
  - They are because **He** made them to be so (**John 1:1-3**)
  - They are **how life works well** (or goes badly)
  - **He is God**, and we are not!

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So, what does His law say about **work & rest**?

**Exodus 20:9-10**, "Six days you shall labor, and do **all your work**, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall **not do any work**"

**Sabbath** = "Intermission" OT, "Interval in between" NT

I believe honoring God with our rest is more important than our tithe

- It's a **larger portion** of our resource, **1/7** vs **1/10**
- Judge Lindsey

But both protect us from the deception of **self-sufficiency**...

- **The lack of trust in God**

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God is also greatly honored by our work

**Exodus 31:1-3**, Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "See, **I have called by name Bezalel** the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And **I have filled him with the Spirit of God**, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and **in all manner of workmanship**"

**Proverbs 14:23 & 22:29**, "In all labor there is profit"

"Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings"

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Work **changes lives** & empowers **genuine generosity**

**Ephesians 4:28**, "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing **honest work with his own hands**, so that he may have **something to share with anyone in need.**"

Compassion & generosity **don't enable laziness**

**II Thessalonians 3:10-12**, For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is **unwilling to work** shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

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After surveying life from every angle, Solomon concluded...

"Eat... drink... rejoice... do good and work... live joyfully... fear God... keep His commandments!"

**Jesus said**, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (**John 14:15**)

He said there are three: (**Mark 12:30-31 & John 13:34**)

- **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."** The second is this: **'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**
- **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**