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Pastor Mike Hill

Labor Day: 8 Biblical Principles of Work

Some people hate to do it. Some love to do it. Some go to great lengths to avoid doing it. Some do it too much. While there are many different attitudes toward work, one thing remains constant: work must be done. Since the Garden of Eden everyone has worked or depended on someone else's work for their survival. Work sets a person's lifestyle—where you live, when you sleep and eat, the time with family, even your dress.

Another constant about work is the fact that God has a clear perspective on it, and we are to align our thoughts with His. As you reflect on your own attitude toward work, consider the following 8 principles that outline God's view of work:

1) Work is ordained by God. It was His creative invention from the beginning. The Bible declares that God worked (Genesis 1). By working we resemble God. Like God, you have the ability to work, make plans, implement them, and be creative. Additionally, God gave us the task of ruling over and taking care of His creation (Gen. Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15).

2) Work is for a lifetime. *By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground* (Genesis 3:19). God intends that humans are to work as long as they live. Meaningful activity plays a critical role in being a human being - whether paid or volunteer. The magical age of 65 shouldn't end meaningful, purposeful work.

3) Work is not a punishment. God did not create work as drudgery, but as a gift of fulfillment to life. A human being *can do nothing better than...find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment* (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)?

4) Work has three purposes: to provide money or resources to supply the necessities of life; to provide for a quality of life in the satisfaction of doing a job well; and to serve God.

5) Work calls for obedience. Even when the boss isn't looking, a good worker is consistent and diligent to the task and loyal to the organization (Colossians 3:22). The *real* boss is Jesus Christ. See your job as service to Him - not simply your employer. Employers should treat employees with respect and fairness.

6) Work should be done with excellence. You are to *render service, as to the Lord, and not to men* (Ephesians 6:6-7); not to be men-pleasers but God-pleasers. God's standard of excellence needs to be the human standard.

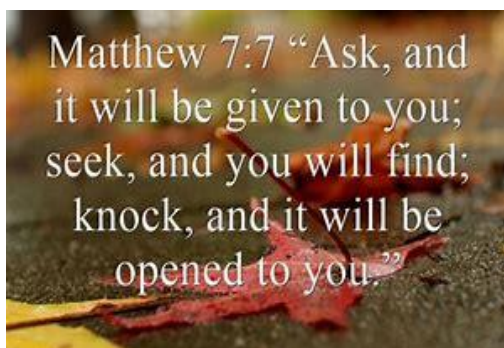
7) Work is honorable. All professions and all kinds of work, assuming they are legal and biblically ethical, are honorable before the Lord. There is no dichotomy between sacred and secular work. All work brings glory to God and fulfillment to you, if it is done to God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).

8) Work provides an opportunity for witness. You manifest a powerful message, both verbal and nonverbal, of a supernatural approach to work. The world today needs this powerful witness to the reality of Christ and the difference that He makes in His followers. (Matthew 5:16)

What are your thoughts? What biblical principle about work would you add?

From Christian Ethics in a Postmodern World by James P. Eckman.

After much consultation and discussion, we are trying to move forward to repair the basement walls at the parsonage. This involves intense labor and expense. If anyone wishes to donate funds to help with the cost of rebuilding the foundation walls there, please let Pastor Mike know or you can give with your regular offering by marking your envelope "parsonage foundation".





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August 21, 2019

Elimsport Valley United Methodist Parish
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Dear Friends,

Our staff, Board of Directors and families would like to thank you for your contribution in the amount of \$667 to the SunnyBrook Meadows Therapeutic Riding Program.

Your support will benefit individuals with special needs in the community and surrounding areas, by helping us provide a program that is beneficial and enjoyable.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We appreciate your interest in the program and hope that we will have your continued support.

Sincerely,

Elaine Hess
Treasurer

"You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours." Psalm 128:2
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The official registration and financial information of SunnyBrook Meadows Therapeutic Riding may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.
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Love is helping someone to help himself.

Be A Part Of Our Group And Spread Some Love.

We are tentatively planning a Children's Sunday on Sunday, September 29th at both churches. This will be a Sunday to bring our small children to church to celebrate God's gift of life. The service will be geared toward children.



Community Breakfast is held Wednesday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 am at the Elmsport Church.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my last round of pneumonia.

George Showers, Jr.



Acolyte Schedule:

9/1	Jackson & Samuel
9/8	Elizabeth & Garrett
9/15	Mitchell & Mallorie
9/22	Jackson & Garrett
9/29	Samuel & Elizabeth



Just a reminder: Everyone is to check the mailbox in the back of the Elmsport church.



Elimsport UMC:

Upcoming meetings for charge conference:

Monday, September 9th at 6:30 **Ad Council and Finance** meeting to work on 2020 salaries

Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 **Nominations committee:** Taryn Myers, Sandy Chamberlin, JoAnn Stainbrook and Jen Springman

St. John's UMC

Upcoming meetings for Charge Conference:

Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 **Ad Council and Finance** meeting to work on 2020 salaries

Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 **Nominations committee:** Sharon Miller, Dave Bower, Suzette Ulrich, Karen Delany and Dave Guyer

Crocheting & quilting is starting back up at St. John's UMC on Wednesday, September 4th. Come, bring a lunch, enjoy fellowship & devotions. All are invited. If you don't crochet or sew, come to visit, from 9:30 to ?



- Items for October's newsletter are due September **20th**.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to the church office by **Wednesday** morning each week.

(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)



Elimsport Volunteers

Greeters for September

September 1	Joann Stainbrook
September 8	Chris & Jill Ulrich
September 15	Retta Moore
September 22	Robin & Taryn Myers & Family
September 29	Sue Fisher



UPMC Susquehanna

Pastoral Care Department

Announces
**Volunteer Chaplain Assistant
Training**

Topics include:
UPMC Susquehanna's mission
The structure of a pastoral patient visit
Assessing a patient's spiritual needs
Patient-centered listening
When to pray with a patient

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
5:30PM — 8:30PM

Williamsport Regional Medical Center
Walnut Conference Room
Tower Main Entrance Elevators, 3rd floor by the Gift Shop

Following the training, Volunteer Chaplain Assistants
will be scheduled to shadow with our staff chaplains

If you or someone you know would enjoy being
a UPMC Susquehanna VCA please contact
Holly Earnest at 570-321-2433 by September 10, 2019
smeltzerh@upmc.edu

Kid's Corner



Doodle Art Alley ©

ELIMSPORT VALLEY UNITED METHODIST PARISH

Worship Schedule:

Elimsport UMC

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

St. John's UMC

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am

Parish Youth Group

Check weekly Bulletin for current schedule and events
(at Elimsport)

Parish Bible Study

Varies according to the season.

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Our Mission Statement at Elimsport UMC



We gather together as a community of Christian believers to worship, fellowship, and to learn more about God. By the unity of the Spirit and the support of each other, we are able to reach out to the community and the world.

Our Mission Statement at St. John's UMC



The purpose of St. John's is to both evangelize and nurture. We are called to show God's love in our world by giving aid and by spreading the Good News of Christ. We in turn provide an atmosphere for nurturing where Biblical truths are shared enabling people to become spiritually enriched. By providing this, people will learn and through learning, become more effective witnesses.