

C. Why should we work? To minister to...

1. Minister to God-

- Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.... It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

2. Minister to yourself and others-

- Eph 4²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

3. Minister goods & services-

- Pro 22²⁹ Do you see someone skilled in their work?
They will serve before kings;
they will not serve before officials of low rank.

4. Minister to the world – God's created order

- Gen 2¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
- Lev 25⁵ The land is to have a year of rest. ⁶ Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, ⁷ as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? - write it down, pray it back, share it with others!

6 DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR- IS GOD A WORKAHOLIC? – Ex 20:9, 6/20/21

Ex 20⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work,

SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR

A. 6 DAYS A WEEK, SO IS GOD A WORKAHOLIC?

1. Remember who is saying this- Creator God

- Gen 1³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
- Gen 2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

2. Remember who God is speaking to- freed s _____

- Ex 20² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁹ ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.
- Dt 5¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

B. 6 DAYS A WEEK, SO IS WORKING 5 DAYS A WEEK WRONG?

1. Is housework, yard work, car repair, chores, shopping, etc., work if you're not paid?

2. Historically, most people f _____ which included housework.

3. Biblically, work includes hired pay as well as personal effort, toil, non-rest

- Don't gather m _____ on the Sabbath- Ex 16:27-30
- Don't gather s _____ on the Sabbath- Num15:32

4. So housework, yardwork is honored by Abba Father as w _____, fulfilling the 4th Command.

C. 6 DAYS A WEEK, NON-STOP THROUGH THE DAY? HOW ABOUT COFFEE BREAKS AND LONG SHIFTS?

1. Some Scriptures

- Gen 1³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
- Gen 24⁶³ Isaac went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching.
- Ps 127² In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.
- Dan 6:3 Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God

2. Therefore, God wants the work day to be measured, paced, with breaks and times for rest and r_____.

D. DOES 6 DAYS A WEEK MEAN VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS ARE WRONG?

- Num 10¹⁰ Also at your times of rejoicing—your appointed festivals and New Moon feasts—you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and they will be a memorial for you before your God. I am the LORD your God.”
- Lev 25³ For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴ But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. ⁵ Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. ⁶ Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, ⁷ as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.
- Lev 25⁸ “Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. ⁹ Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. ¹⁰ Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. ¹¹ The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. ¹² For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.

ABBA FATHER		USA	
Sabbath	52 days (full)	Weekend	104 days (partial)
New Moon	13 days	Vacation- 2 wks	10 days
5 Festivals – Holy Days	19 days	Holidays	7 days (partial)
Sabbatical- debts cancelled, land & animals restored	52 days	Sabbatical	0
Total	136 days, 19.5 wks		121 days- 17.3 wks

- Abba Father wants rhythmic r_____ daily, weekly, monthly, yearly and every 7 years

E. SICK LEAVE?

- Ex 21¹⁸ the guilty party must pay the injured person for any loss of time and see that the victim is completely healed.
- Acts 3² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

F. RETIREMENT?

- Num 8²³ The LORD said to Moses, ²⁴ “This applies to the Levites: Men twenty-five years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the tent of meeting, ²⁵ but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer. ²⁶ They may assist their brothers in performing their duties at the tent of meeting, but they themselves must not do the work. This, then, is how you are to assign the responsibilities of the Levites.”
- 2 Sam 21¹⁵ Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he became exhausted. ¹⁷ But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David’s rescue; he struck the Philistine down and killed him. Then David’s men swore to him, saying, “Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the lamp of Israel will not be extinguished.”

AND DO ALL YOUR WORK

A. Can we get all our work done in 6 days?

B. Why the different word for “work” versus “labor”? = M_____