

## SERMON NOTES

### Labor Day — September 5, 2021

In a lifetime, the average American works \_\_\_\_\_ hours on the job.

#### Wrong attitudes toward my job

- **My job is \_\_\_\_\_.** “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)
- **My job is \_\_\_\_\_.** “But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest. Then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.” (Proverbs 6:9–11)
- **My job is \_\_\_\_\_.** “So what do people get in this life for all their hard work and anxiety? Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief; even at night their minds cannot rest. It is all *meaningless* [hevel].” (Ecclesiastes 2:22–23)
- **My job is \_\_\_\_\_.** “Now, as you can see, the LORD has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise; even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then.” (Joshua 14:10–11)

“Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.” (Ecclesiastes 5:12)

#### Right attitudes toward my job

“On the seventh day God had finished his *work*.” (Genesis 2:2)

“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image.’” (Genesis 1:26)

“The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to *work* it and watch over it.” (Genesis 2:15)

“Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” (Colossians 3:17)

“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the *work* you gave me.” (John 17:4; cf. John 19:30)

Take your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it.