

IT'S A WORK THING

1 Cor. 3:6-9

6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7) So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8) Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9) For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

NOW HIRING

As we celebrate Labor Day, I thought I would share some interesting facts regarding the American workforce. Experts agree in many segments of the working engine of our nation, there has been a semblance of stabilization, but only recently. There is a growing optimism that maybe, just maybe, the leading industrialized nation of the world is finally waking back up and gearing up. Maybe the American spirit is being revived after all, even though it's been greatly reshuffled and re-imaged since COVID-19.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

The experts claim that in 2021 and 2022 alone, a staggering 100 million Americans quit their jobs in what has been described as the "Great Resignation" or the "Big Quit." While the causes vary to some degree, the most common attributes listed below are consistently highlighted to reveal the alarming workplace issues that have led Americans to "drag up."

- 1- Toxic Environments
- 2- Unrealistic Expectations
- 3- Undefined Long-term Goals (Where is this company going?)

I'VE GOT NO REASON TO QUIT

Dare I say more for us men of the cloth? The outside temperature indeed affects the "space" we work in. We are at ground zero of the greatest moral collapse in modern-day history.

However, focusing on key or specific areas of concern, such as those particularly mentioned above, may help us better resolve the ever-troubling issues of “early resignations.” We must overcome the pressure and prevailing attitude of - “I quit.” “The Quits” has affected every social, economic, and, yes, even religious dimension of American culture.

“...according to his own labour.” (v.8)

Success can only be measured by faithfulness, not results. The corporate world rewards results. We are geared consequently for results. We constantly feel the prevailing pressure to produce. The Kingdom and its spiritual principles, however, are contrastingly opposite. God rewards effort not results. So be at peace. Let your feet be shod with the preparation (not pressure) but the preparation of the gospel of peace. So, stay with it. If we do our part faithfully and pray ye the Lord of the harvest to do His part, great peace shall follow.

We will be judged according to our labor or deeds, not any perceived or alleged results. To focus on our personal results is carnal and reeks of faithlessness. The residual pressure to continually produce can weary an individual. It can also be spiritually and emotionally destructive. Just answer the bell when it rings. Hang in there. Not to oversimplify the remedy for “The Quits,” but... just — “be ye faithful.”

1 Cor. 15:58

58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Happy Labor Day!!!

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