

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“The Fourth Commandment – Honor the Sabbath Day”  
Part I: Understanding Why We Work – Exodus 20:8-11

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The Fourth Commandment

1. The most neglected.
2. What it addresses.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. “The Day America Told the Truth”

1. 50% -- Poor Work
2. 77% -- No Sabbath

##### C. Honor the Sabbath Day

1. Exodus 20:8-11
  - a. A redressing of Genesis 2:1-3
  - b. Ryken
  - c. Psalm 127

#### II. Understanding Work

##### A. Covenant of Creation – Three main ordinances:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ -- Gen. 2:2-3
2. \_\_\_\_\_ -- Gen 2:22-24
3. \_\_\_\_\_ -- Gen 2:15

a. The call to labor – Genesis 1:28

##### B. Meaningful rest comes about through meaningful labor.

1. Keeping the Lord’s Day holy begins with working hard the rest of the week.
  - a. Colossians 3:23-24
    1. Problems over the “sacred” and the “secular.”
      - a. Luther, Calvin, the Puritans, Tyndale
2. Idleness, laziness, and perfunctory work are all sin.
  - a. Webster’s – “**Perfunctory**” means: characterized by routine or superficiality, lacking in interest or

enthusiasm, i.e. apathetic.

b. Everyone has a calling.

1. Thomas Watson

2. II Thessalonians 3:11-12; Proverbs 24:30-34

3. Pride in calling has diminished.

3. The stealing of money through a poor work ethic.

a. Proverbs 20:10,23

1. There are many ways to steal.

b. Strive not for \_\_\_\_\_, but rather for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

c. Being in the wrong calling.

4. The object of work is worship not wealth.

a. Richard Pratt

b. The wrong objective leads to other problems.

#### III. A self-centered image does not make a good image of God.

##### A. Who we really are:

1. Genesis 1:26-27

a. Ancient Near East kings, kingdoms, and images.

1. We respect God and not o\_\_\_\_\_.

B. We are to “multiply” and have “dominion” – subdue the earth.

1. Richard Pratt

2. Key thought: “Do you work for the glory of God?”

a. Colossians 3:23-24

C. The truth about worship in the \_\_\_\_\_ is to discover what it means \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

1. Leland Ryken

#### IV. Points for Reflection

A. Each one of us has a calling by God to go out into the world and subdue that portion that God has led us to.

B. What we produce should reflect the excellence of Christ.

C. Laziness is not a virtue.

a. I Thessalonians 4:11-12; II Thessalonians 3:10-13

D. Workaholism is not a virtue.

E. We are God’s ambassadors to the part of the universe that God has given to us.