



# THANK GOD IT'S...

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**THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY**

# 2022 Calendar

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# 1) THE FALL OF ADAM

<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it’, “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.”

**GENESIS 3:17-19**

<sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

**GENESIS 3:17-19**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**GENESIS 2:15**

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them,  
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill  
the earth and subdue it. Rule over the  
fish in the sea and the birds in the sky  
and over every living creature that moves  
on the ground.”

**GENESIS 1:28**

Work was enjoyable until sin entered the world through one person.

The Bible teaches us that we need to have our view of work restored from displeasure to delight. We do this by redefining our work as worship to the Lord.

# 2) THE FRUSTRATION OF SOLOMON

**17** So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. **18** I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.

**ECCLESIASTES 2:17-23**

<sup>19</sup> And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.

<sup>20</sup> So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labour under the sun.

**ECCLESIASTES 2:17-23**

<sup>21</sup> For a person may labour with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup> What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labour

**ECCLESIASTES 2:17-23**

labour under the sun? <sup>23</sup> All their days  
their work is grief and pain; even at night  
their minds do not rest. This too  
is meaningless.

**ECCLESIASTES 2:17-23**

King Solomon reminds us that even the person at the very top of the social hierarchy can become frustrated with work.

Those who often hate their jobs  
often end up hating their life?

In North American culture,  
we have idealized retirement  
which is very unhealthy.

We either work in order to get out of work or we work to only continue working until the day we die.

Work is not a means to an end.  
Work is a crucial part of living  
of the call of God on our lives.

**3) THE  
FAITHFULNESS  
OF CHRISTIANS**

- <sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.
- <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

**EPHESIANS 6:5-9**

<sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,  
<sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.  
<sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way.

**EPHESIANS 6:5-9**

Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.

**EPHESIANS 6:5-9**

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence  
for Christ.

**EPHESIANS 5:21**

Even if our employer is unable  
to hold us accountable, God will  
hold us accountable.

God's ethical and moral standard  
for work are much higher than  
that of any employer.

Rest assured, every earthly  
master will be accountable to  
the Heavenly Master.

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**EPHESIANS 2:10**

Every person must see themselves  
as God's workmanship before  
they go on to do good works.

Our work is not random or  
accidental, but ordained of  
the Lord.

I wonder what could God do in  
and through you and your work  
from Monday to Friday?

Of all people, in all places,  
God has placed you exactly where  
you are for such a time as this.

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

**COLOSSIANS 3:23**



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