Reward According to Labor

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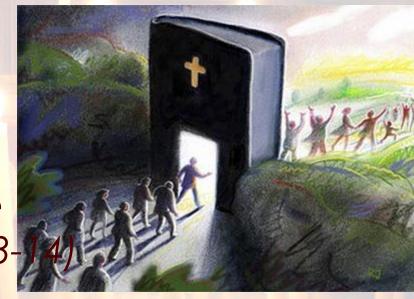


Holy Labor

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,...
I know your works, your labor, your patience"
(Rev 2:1-2)

 "Enter by the <u>narrow gate</u>; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction,

and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matt 7:13-



Holy Labor

 "We must through many <u>tribulations</u> enter the kingdom of God." (Act 14:22)

 "For our light <u>affliction</u>, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and <u>eternal weight of glory</u>"

(2Cor 4:17)



Unholy Labor

 I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' (Lk 12:18-20)



Labor in the Service - Preaching

• "In labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often... In journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren" (2Cor 11:23-26).

 "But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings." (2Cor 6:4-5)

Labor - Witnessing and Martyrdom

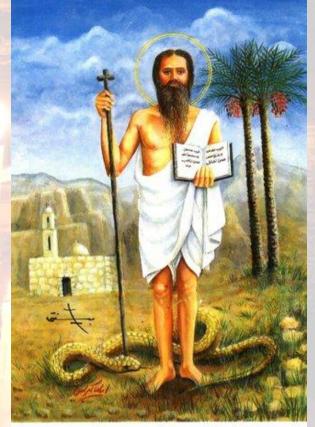
- "Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword" (Heb 11:36)
- "But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught." (Act 5:19-20)



Labor - Monasticism and Asceticism

 "They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts

and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth." (Heb 11:37-38)



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Labor - Priesthood

- "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick;" (Ezk 34:15-16)
- "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." (Rom 12:15)

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy

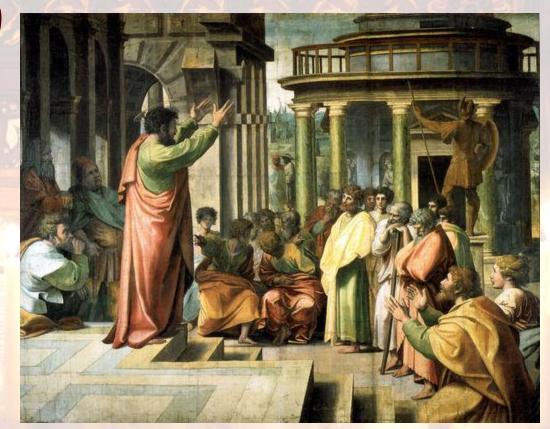
laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)



Labor - Church Service/Sunday School

 "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."

(1Tim 5:17)



Labor - Parenting

 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly." (Job 1:5)



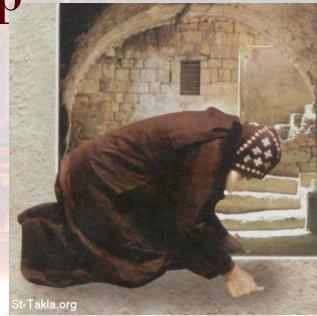
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- "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (Deut 6:6-8)
- "Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction." (Prov 19:18)



Labor - Worship

"I am wearied with my groaning;
 I shall wash my bed every night;
 I shall water my couch with tears."
 (Ps 6:6)



- "For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it."
- "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." (Gal 1)

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