

Work: Who Needs It?

Somebody once said that work is the father of success, and integrity is the mother. If you can get along with these two members of the family, the rest of the family will be easy to deal with.

Too many people in our society, however, don't make enough effort to get along with the father and leave the mother out completely. Some even quit looking for work as soon as they find a job.

With Labor Day 2020 straight ahead, let's consider the joys and benefits of work.

Many people's concept of work is that it should be fun and meaningful, or we shouldn't be expected to do it. The sheer love of work, with all its rewards, should provide enormous satisfaction. After all, work gives us an appetite for our meals. It lends solidity to our slumber. It gives a perfect appreciation of a holiday. The truth is, we all need work.



Here is what some persons famous for their work have said about the subject:

- **Voltaire**, French writer, philosopher and historian, said that work keeps us from three great evils: boredom, vice and poverty. With that concept in mind, we can approach our labor with the understanding that “you don't pay the price, you enjoy the benefits.”
- **Thomas Edison**, inventor and businessman, declared, “There is no substitute for hard work. Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.” He should know. Edison was a prolific inventor, holding 1,093 U.S. patents, as well as many patents in the United Kingdom, France and Germany.
- **Benjamin Franklin**, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and an author, printer, political theorist, politician, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman and diplomat, put it this way: “The used key is always bright.”
- And finally, **Richard Cumberland**, English philosopher and Bishop of Peterborough, observed: “It is better to wear out than to rust out.”

The bottom line? Unless you work, you will miss out on many of the joys and benefits of life itself. For those of us in Life Care and Century Park, we have the special pleasure of knowing that our work positively impacts the lives of those we serve.

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So, concentrate on the things you like best about your job and its benefits. Give your job that extra burst of energy you always have on the day before vacation.

Not only will you enjoy your work more, but *raise* and *praise* can both come your way.

The Bible has much to say about work. Here are a couple of verses:

- *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men* (Colossians 3:23 ESV).
- *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might* (Ecclesiastes 9:20 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter