

A LABOR DAY SERMON

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# THREE TRUTHS

- The Pattern of Work
- The Problem with Work
- The Purpose of Work







Genesis 2:15 says, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

GENESIS 2:15

And on the seventh day God finished his work  
that he had done, and he rested on the  
seventh day from all his work that he had  
done.”

GENESIS 2:2



Maynard G. Krebs

And

Calvin and Hobbs

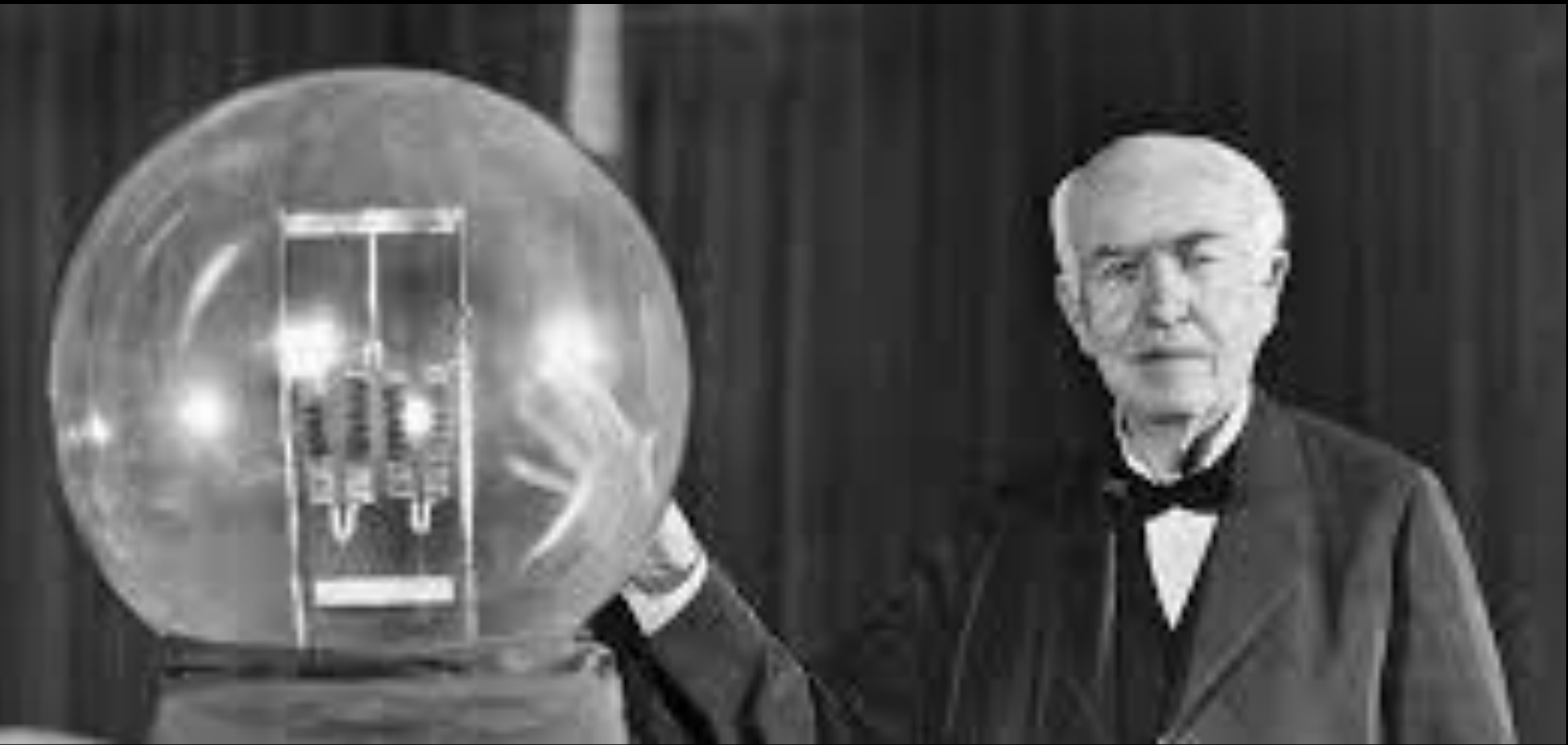


*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

EPHESIANS 2:10

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it wears overalls and looks like work”

- THOMAS EDISON





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“And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground,”

GENESIS 3:17-19



*“If anyone is not willing to work,  
let him not eat.”*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:10

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

*“The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays—not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps, but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.”*





JOHN STOTT

“WORK IS THE  
EXPENDITURE OF  
ENERGY (MANUAL OR  
MENTAL OR BOTH)  
WHICH BRINGS  
FULFILLMENT TO THE  
WORKER, BENEFIT TO  
THE COMMUNITY, AND  
GLORY TO GOD.”











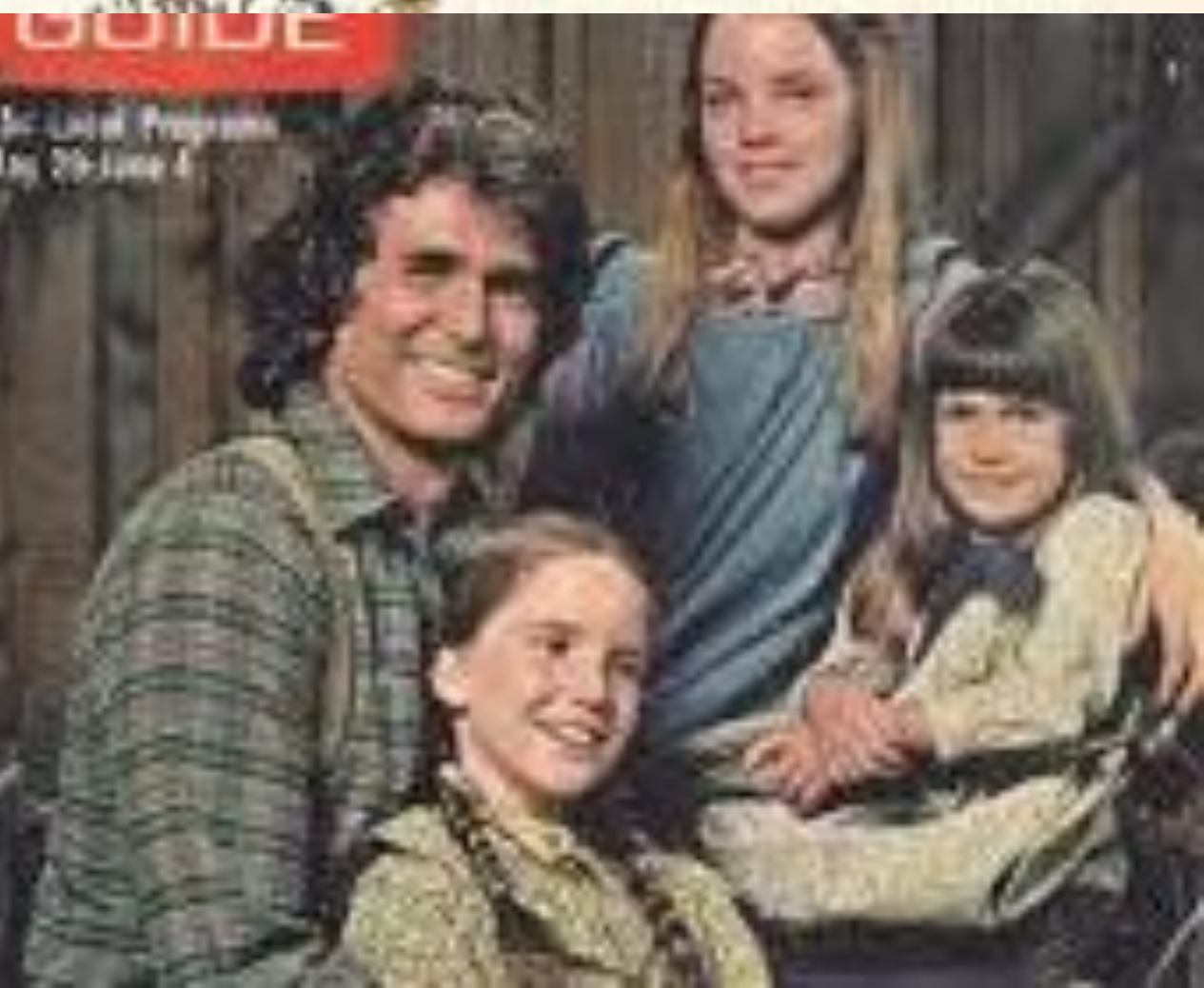


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“Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

JOHN 6:29

the free gift of God is eternal life in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23



“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness”

ISAIAH 61:10



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