

January 13th – Where Are the Workers

*“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.’”
(Matt. 9:37)*

Some people love work. They love to set their alarm clock, jump out of bed, scarf down some breakfast, and get to the job. Some people love to work because they love their job – they’re passionate about what they do. Others love to work because they love to reap the rewards – handsome pay for hard work. Sadly, some enjoy work because it takes them away from people they’d rather not be around. It’s a shame when someone would rather be with colleagues than family or friends.

Generally speaking, there are a good number of people who don’t care for work. Why? Because it’s work – it requires effort, time, forethought, and perseverance. Some able-bodied people prefer not to work, content to live off whatever bones are thrown their direction from the government or charities. The fact is that God designed our bodies for work, as we see from Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2).

Jesus used the analogy of a harvest – “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” In this case, He was speaking of souls – men and women who need Christ. There are many people that need to be reached, but sadly there are very few willing to reach them. Why is that? We’re game for a party or a dinner date, but not so eager to reach the lost. God forgive us! Let’s roll up our sleeves and get busy reaching others for Christ, praying that God would send out even more workers with us (Matt. 9:38).