

# Lesson 11 Outline - Labor: Created to Create

- I. **Introduction – The "Labor" Command**
- II. **God's design for this sphere**
  - A. Culture's view of work – generally negative and considered a curse
  - B. Importance of this sphere, though we generally don't address it
    - 1. It funds everything – all material goods are produced in this sphere
    - 2. Yet it also produces pornography, illegal drugs, abortion, etc.
  - C. Reflection of God's nature – God worked and saw that it was good – God stamped us with his divine image and has given us the privilege of being his creative stewards
- III. **General Economic Model and Seven Economic Principles**
  - A. All things belong to God
    - 1. Our materialistic drive is a reflection of Satan's lie that more "stuff" will satisfy us
  - B. God appointed man to be a creative steward of his goods with ownership rights
    - 1. Definition of steward and economics: management authority of God's goods
    - 2. Proper, Biblical attitude of employees and employers
  - C. Theft and coveting of another's goods is wrong
  - D. Skills and abilities to work come from God
  - E. Work is profitable, good, and to be pursued; laziness is not
  - F. Love God and not your goods
  - G. Be compassionate and generous with your good to those in need
- IV. **Responsibility to the poor**
  - A. Scriptural mandate to show compassion to the poor
  - B. The poor need work and the sphere of labor has the primary responsibility to provide those work opportunities
  - C. God's standard – Psalm 101:3 – "I will set before my eyes no vile thing"
  - D. Overwhelming power and presence of media – "Whoever controls the media, controls the culture"
  - E. Soli Deo Gloria – For God's glory alone – We need to have this same perspective, that God would be glorified in all we do
- V. **Arts and Media - Is beauty relative?**