



CASE OF THE MONDAYS

TAKE YOUR JOB AND LOVE IT!

Part 3: Give Me A Break!

The observance of Sabbath rest is a break with every effort to achieve, to secure ourselves, and to make the world into our image according to our purposes.

-- Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis*

An economically driven culture is always on the go, seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. We have to keep moving because we might be left behind and we might not get what we want *now*.

-- Brian J. Walsh & Sylvia C. Keesmaat
Colossians Remixed

If we can more fully develop a Sabbath way of life, then we recover the delight of time. Instead, for most of us, time is an enemy that makes us frantic.

-- Marva J. Dawn, *The Sense of the Call*

It [the Sabbath] was then and is now an assertion that life does not depend upon our feverish activity of self-securing, but that there can be a pause in which life is given to us simply as a gift.

-- Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis*

The high point of the creation story is the Sabbath, which is delight in God, one another and creation.

-- R. Paul Stevens, *The Other Six Days*

A person who feels inclined to work seven days a week should examine what god he or she worships.

-- Bruce K. Waltke
Genesis, A Commentary

It [the Sabbath] announces that the world is safely in God's hands. The world will not disintegrate if we stop our efforts. The world relies on God's promises and not on our efforts.

-- Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis*

Ours is a culture of impatience. We can't rest because we wouldn't know what to do with ourselves if we weren't producing and consuming.

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But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

-- John 5:17-18
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