

FFWPU USA: Happy Labor Day

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A federal holiday since 1894, we observe Labor Day on the first Monday of September as we honor the immense contributions of workers to our country.

True Parents' legacy is underscored by faith, perseverance, and also hard work. From tending to family responsibilities and chores throughout childhood, to publicly serving the world through the Unification movement and numerous global peacebuilding efforts, True Parents highlighted the value of every person and their personal contribution to society. They emphasized working hard with the heart to happily serve and care for others.

Below is an excerpt from True Father's autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* (2009), in which he shares the benefits and blessings of our labor.

Excerpt:

I have worked hard all my life, but I don't own so much as a single house in my name ... I didn't work so I could be rich. Money has no meaning to me. Any money not used for the sake of humanity, or for the sake of my neighbor who is dying in poverty, is nothing more than a piece of paper. Money earned through hard work should always be used to love the world and carry out projects that benefit the world.

When I send missionaries overseas, I don't give them a lot of money. Yet they survive wherever they go. It takes very little for us to support ourselves ... To live well means to live a life that has meaning ... I want [our members] to have a consciousness of conserving in order to help the country and save humanity. We don't take anything with us when we leave this world. Everyone knows this, and yet for some reason people are desperate to get their hands on as many things as possible.

The Heavenly Kingdom has plenty of treasure, and there is no need to take anything there from this world. When we understand that we are going to a place that is better than where we are now, there is no need to become attached to the things of this world ... Happiness is always waiting for us. The reason we can't get happiness is that our own desires block the way. As long as our eyes are fixed on our desires, they cannot see the path we should follow. We are so busy trying to pick up the scraps of gold lying on the ground near us that we do not see the huge pile of gold that is a little way up the road. We are so busy stuffing things into our pockets that we don't realize that there are holes in those pockets.

I have not forgotten what it was like to live in Hungnam Prison. Even the most terrible place in this world is more comfortable and more materially abundant than Hungnam Prison. Every object belongs to Heaven. We are only its stewards ... Live shedding sweat for earth, tears for humanity, and blood for heaven. There are no lies in the blood, sweat, and tears that people shed. There is only truth. There is no meaning, however, in the blood, sweat, and tears that a person sheds for his own sake. This great investment must be shed for the sake of others.

You can learn more about the history of Labor Day [here](#), and get your copy of True Father's autobiography available [here](#).

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Reverend Sun Myung Moon’s autobiography shares stories of his family and childhood and his calling from God. The early years of the Unification Church, the expansion to an international ministry, and the importance of global wedding ceremonies are all explained in first-hand accounts. Rev. Moon’s love for nature, his deep respect for all people, and his single-minded determination to see God’s ideal realized are central themes in *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*.

"My encounter with Jesus changed my life completely. His sorrowful expression was etched into my heart as if it had been branded there, and I could not think of anything else. From that day on, I immersed myself completely in the Word of God.

At times, I was surrounded by endless darkness and filled with such pain that it was difficult to breathe. At other times, my heart was filled with joy, as though I were watching the morning sun rise above the horizon. I embraced new words of truth that Jesus was giving me directly and let myself be completely captivated by God. I began to live an entirely different life. I had many things to think about, and I gradually became a boy of few words.

Anyone who follows the path of God must pursue his goal with his whole heart and total dedication. It requires a steadfastness of purpose. At times, I felt I would rather avoid the path. A wise person will place hope in the future and continue to move forward, no matter how difficult it may be. A foolish person, on the other hand, will throw away his future for the sake of immediate happiness. I, too, at times held foolish thoughts when I was still very young, but in the end I chose the path of the wise person. I gladly offered up my life in order to pursue the way God desired. I could not have run away if I tried; this was the only way I could have chosen."

Available in Spanish:
El Ciudadno Global Amante de la Paz.

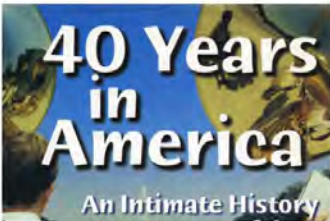
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