“LABOR DAY REFLECTION”

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Last week, May 1, was International Labor Day. This celebration is in honor of all workers for their labor – to appreciate what they have done and to check if companies are giving due compensation and justice to workers.

Let us have a reflection using LABOR as our outline:

L – Learn to love your work. There are a lot of people who have no work. Some have college degrees yet cannot find a work. Some do not have a job because they are not educated, and worst, a few do not have jobs because they are simply lazy. In these times of uncertainty in economy, what we can do is to love our jobs. Let us see it as a gift from God to support our family, and to survive.

A – Accept the challenges of your work. It is a reality that there are some people who are called 15/30. Meaning, they show up only on the 15th day and 30th day to collect their salary but cannot be found contributing to the attainment of the objectives of the company. This kind of people can be often found in government offices. This is indeed a waste of the taxpayers’ money. Let us motivate ourselves to improve ourselves in our workplace.

B – Be a part of the team. Each of us must realize that our individual work is part and parcel of a greater work. The best illustration for this is a manufacturing company of a vehicle. In one section they are working to produce engines. In some, they make the shell of the car. Those who are producing nuts and bolts must not see their work as insignificant because without those small parts a car is not complete. We must see the big picture and in that manner we can see our small contribution as a significant part of the whole work of the team.

O – Open for new lessons. Life is about learning from mistakes and failures. If you make some failures, it does not mean that you are a failure. It means that you are working towards something and just eliminated some things that are not working. If we ask an inventor, we can probably hear their testimonies on how they tried and tried after many failures until they got it right.

R – Relax, take a break. A worker is entitled to have a vacation leave, and other benefits to relax and release work-related stress. Use these benefits. Some continue to work and opted to convert their vacation leave credits to cash. This is a gallant effort to earn more for your family. But we must not overdo ourselves. Let us have time for our family and friends. It is ironical sometimes to think that we are working for our family yet we have no time for our family.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.”

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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