

Labor Day Mathematics
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Some mathematician with too much time on his hands came up with the following interesting analogy: There are 365 days in the year, but you take weekends off, so you have to subtract 104 days. That leaves you with 261 working days, but you only work 8 hours a day; the other 16 you are either sleeping or tending to your own business, so you have to subtract 174 days. That leaves 87, but wait, we are not through subtracting yet. You eat lunch every day and although lunch hours vary, it is estimated that the average worker consumes 45 days per year at lunch. Coffee breaks? Figure 21 days over the course of the year. Take those 21 days from the 42 left from the last calculation and that leaves you 21 days to get your work done. From those 21 days you have to subtract your two weeks vacation - 10 work days. Continuing the subtraction, 10 from 21 leaves only 11 actual full work days in the entire year, but of course, you do not work on Christmas, New Year's, Independence Day or Thanksgiving. Most firms now allow 10 paid holidays per year. After subtracting the 10 paid holidays from the 11 days remaining - you've got one full work day to your credit and you want to take that day off for Labor Day?

The reality is that work is a God-given gift, and most of us hard-driving Christians do our share. But God also gave us gifts like family and friends, picnics and other things that are called fun. Let us enjoy them and glorify God in the process, especially on this Labor Day Weekend, our unique American end-of-summer holiday that celebrates work by not working!