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... and it was good.

Ask any American about “work,” and you are sure to get mixed feedback. From living out their dream and passion each day to “just getting a paycheck,” the relationship with work can be complicated.

Recently a sermon at my church tackled this very topic. What does the Bible say about work? Let’s look at a few passages in Genesis.

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. — Genesis 1:25-26, 31

God designed humanity as workers and caretakers of all that he had made, working the land and tending to God’s creation. From supporting and loving our families to being a good, honest employee, working, when able, is noble.

Sitting there on that Sunday morning with my family, and with

another work week looming around the corner, I found peace in the idea of work being good and what we are created for. I may be one of the lucky ones, to have a job I truly enjoy reporting to each day. I’m blessed to work for an organization that’s deeply rooted in heritage and history, while leading the beef industry into the future.


When I think about work, whether meeting deadlines at my paying job, tending to my household or helping back on my family’s farm, it’s more than just the task at hand. What brings me the most joy in my work is the people I work for and those I work alongside.

The Angus breed is the envy of the industry. Although the quality of cattle can’t be beat, I think it’s the Angus people who are the most valuable assets.

In recent conversations with Angus breeders, they tell me finding good help is a challenge. They are desperate for labor, from part-time seasonal help to full-time employees.

The *Angus Journal* team will continue to cover this industry hurdle more in-depth in upcoming issues and in our media properties; but we do offer insight in this issue on some considerations with the help you do have, whether it’s your family or paid.

Family businesses are the foundation of the Angus breed, and they come with their own unique set of challenges. One of those is the dichotomy of the wisdom of one generation and ambition and energy of the next. We spoke with those who have experience working with different generations on farms and ranches. I hope you find this issue helpful as you navigate future conversations.

Most of all, I hope after a hard day’s work, you can find peace in knowing, “...it was very good.” 

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie".

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