

*Let us consider the matter of labor. Jesus Christ picked up the saw and the hammer and the plane and, in so doing, He wrought a miracle in civilization. Most people are totally unaware of what that did. But it changed the whole concept of work. Do you realize that in antiquity of Greece or Rome that honest work was despised as servile and was consigned to slaves? But Christ came and gave a new dignity to labor. Before the Word of God has come and taken over countries there were only slaves. Half the Roman Empire was slaves; slaves and serfs. But those slaves and serfs in the land where the Gospel of Christ has come have been translated into the working classes. And in America where the Word of God has come more fully than any other land, into the middle classes — and out of poverty and into economic well-being.*

*—D. James Kennedy—*