

Chalice Circle Session Forty-Four: *Work and Play*

OPENING WORDS (Take turns reading.)

•Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do. Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.

-Mark Twain

•*The true way to render ourselves happy is to love our work and to find in it our pleasure.*

-*Francoise de Motteville*

•If hard work were such a wonderful thing, surely the rich would have kept it all to themselves.

-Lane Kirkland

•*We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.*

-*George Bernard Shaw*

•Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

-J.M. Barrie

•*Work and play are words used to describe the same thing under differing conditions.*

-*Mark Twain*

•Work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind.

-Thomas Carlyle

•*There is no substitute for hard work.*

-*Thomas Edison*

•When you play, play hard; when you work, don't play at all. -Theodore Roosevelt

•***Gardening requires lots of water—most of it in the form of perspiration.*** -Lou Erickson

CHECK IN/SHARING

- Current state of physical or spiritual health
- Joys or concerns about loved ones
- What is happening in your life

DISCUSSION: *Work and Play*

--Do any of these quotations capture a feeling you have about work or play?

--Does your work ever feel like play to you?

--Can you give examples where your play involves work?

--Will Rogers said, "Find a career that you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

•Is that an exaggeration?

•Is there some truth to it?

•Has it happened in your life?

--How do either play or work bring you joy and spiritual satisfaction?

CHECK OUT

In a word or phrase, how are you feeling as our meeting comes to a close?

CLOSING WORDS

•There is work that is work and there is play that is play; there is play that is work and work that is play. And in only one of these lies happiness. Gelett Burgess

•All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Old proverb