

Reasons Not to Do Business on the Lord's Day

1. The day was intended to be a day of rest and worship. This is a day that we focus on our relationship to God. We compromise the character of the day by doing business.
2. The Fourth Commandment comes in the context of freedom from slavery. The day is about freedom – that also means freedom from worldly affairs, including business. When we participate in a 24/7 economy, we share responsibility for slavery to the materialism of our culture.
3. Even if we ourselves may not be working, we are sharing in the sins of others who are breaking the fourth commandment.
4. In the light of Christ's coming, the day is about sharing God's grace. How are we sharing God's grace with others by doing business on the Lord's Day?
5. Christ showed us that the day is characterized by doing good and by giving rest and relief to others (Mark 2:23-3:6). How are we giving rest and relief to others by doing business on the Lord's Day?