

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 6:5-9
Godly Workers

“...doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man...”

Ephesians 6:6-7

Life Application: There is no one whom we may treat as unimportant.

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

A Little Background...

- It was estimated that there were over 60 million slaves in the Roman Empire.
- Slaves were not only laborers, but sometimes doctors, teachers and educated people.
- Slaves could be inherited or purchased, acquired in settlement of a bad debt, or prisoners of war.

“...the Christian conscience must condemn slavery in every form. Its evil lies neither in the servitude it involves (for Jesus voluntarily made himself a slave of others, and so did his apostle Paul), or even in the element of compulsion, but rather in the ownership by one human being of others which degrades them into subhuman goods to be used, exploited and traded...”

-John Stott

Point: Employees are to serve their employer as unto the Lord Himself.

How should I act...at work?

1. Be sincere and respectful of your boss/employer.
2. Be found obedient to the work you have been asked to perform.
3. Work hard- not just when the boss is around!
4. Work willingly and cheerfully, not reluctantly or begrudgingly.

Point: Employers (and bosses) are to treat employees as brothers and sisters in Christ.

How should I treat those under me?

1. If you wish to receive respect- show it! If you wish to receive service- give it!
2. Do not threaten/lord over those you work with.
3. Remember- just as you are over employees, you are under Christ your Lord.

Take away...

Every relationship, including our work, is a context for relating to Christ. No job is merely a job. It is a platform for serving Christ.

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