

## Ephesians – Glorifying God At Work

Ephesians 6:5-9 – Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

<sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

### The Christian Employee's Role In The Workplace

- 1) In ALL of our relationships, our first commitment is to God.
- 2) We obey our boss/manager/supervisor and give them respect out of reverence to God.
- 3) We give our best even if no one is watching.

Colossians 3:22-24 - Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, **as working for the Lord, not for human masters**, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**

1 Peter 2:18-20 - Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

## Summary Of An Employee's Role In The Workplace

Being a Christian should always make a person a better, more productive, and more agreeable worker. People will not be inclined to listen to the testimony of a Christian who does substandard, careless work or who is constantly complaining. If a Christian finds an employment situation to be intolerable, he should quit and look for something else. But as long as he is employed he should do the work to the best of his ability.

### A Christian Employer's Role In The Workplace

Ephesians 6:9 - And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

- 1) A Christian employer's motivation and goal should be the desire to obey and please God.
- 2) A Christian employer makes decisions based on God's standards of righteousness, truth, and honesty.
- 3) A Christian employer seeks fairness not favoritism.
- 4) A Christian employer treats employees with respect because to do so is to respect and honor the Lord.