

WHO'S THE BOSS?

Ephesians 6:5-9

In the workplace...

- Be AUTHENTIC.
- Walk by FAITH.
- Work for a better REWARD.
- God is everyone's IMPARTIAL BOSS.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Ephesians 6:5 – 9. What are some of the motivations Paul gives us in these verses to be obedient to our earthly masters, and to treat employees in a similar respectful manner?
2. In verse 5, what does it mean to obey with fear and trembling and with a sincere heart? How does being hypocritical in our actions keep others from seeing Jesus?
3. The word sincere comes from the Latin words Sine Cera, which means “without wax”. Also in verse 6, we are not to just give eye service as people pleasers. How does this apply to our work, relationships, and ethics?
4. Working under the authority of earthly flawed masters will sometimes seem conflicting and confusing. How do we obey in faith in these circumstances? (Romans 13:1; 1 Corinthians 13:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:6 – 7)
5. Verse 8 says, “Whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord.” What does this mean? What is the reward we are to expect? Read also Luke 5:1 – 11. What did the disciples ultimately pursue?
6. Verse 9 states that employers and employees are under the same Master in heaven. And there is no partiality even though they have different roles. How should this be lived out in our work lives? (Ephesians 5:1 and 21) How will this change how you serve your true boss, Jesus, at work?

