

Doing Your Job for the Lord

Ephesians 6:5-9

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Main Point: See your work as a way to worship and witness for the Lord.

Work has Intrinsic Value

1. God is a _____.
 - Genesis 1:1 states that God _____ the heavens and the earth.
 - Genesis 2:2 calls this activity _____.
 - In John 5:17, Jesus declared He and His Father are working now.
2. We are His _____-workers.
 - Genesis 1:26 says that man is to “have _____ over” the creation.
 - Genesis 2:15 states that Adam was placed in the garden to “_____ it and keep it.”
 - This work was given to Adam _____ creation was cursed because of his sin.

Three Reasons Why Our Servanthood Must be Seen Where We Work.

1. It's where we're going to spend _____ of our life.
2. It's where your faith is most clearly _____.
3. It's where servanthood is most _____.

Expectations for an Employee

1. Work _____ (vs. 5)
 - The idea behind obeying is to “yield by placing yourself in a _____ position.
 - It refers to _____ service (Psalm 123:2).
2. Work _____ (vs. 5).
 - When these two words are used together, they refer to _____ God.
 - The idea behind this phrase is to show _____, honor, and respect to your employer because you fear God (1 Timothy 6:1-2).
3. Work _____ (vs. 5)
 - This is also translated as “_____ of heart.”
 - The “heart” is the _____ of our being, where attitudes and actions come from.
 - The idea is to work with _____ concentration, unbridled attention, and absolute integrity.
 - We're to serve our bosses with singleness of heart, not so much because they deserve it, but because _____ does.
4. Work _____ (vs. 7)
 - Our real boss is _____ (Colossians 3:23-24).
5. Work _____ (vs. 8).
 - We will be compensated in _____.
 - The Lord remembers and He _____.

Expectations for an Employer.

1. Seek the _____ of your employees.
 - _____ that applies to employees also applies to employers as they are to work obediently, respectfully, sincerely, reverently, and expectantly.

- Paul sent Onesimus back to his master with this letter and called on Philemon in verse 16 to forgive him and to treat him as a beloved brother.
 - This was countercultural because runaway slaves who stole from their masters were often tortured or _____.
2. Use _____ reinforcements (vs. 9)
 - Verse 9 exhorts employers to “stop your _____.”
 - Employers must look for ways to _____ employees by celebrating what they’re doing right.
 3. Be _____ to the Lord (vs. 9).
 - Jesus said the way to be a ruler is to first be a _____ (Matthew 25:21).
 - Warren Wiersbe points out that Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, and Nehemiah, were first servants before God made them leaders.
 4. God doesn’t play _____ (vs. 9)
 - An employer is no better than an employee before God.
 - Everyone is _____ before Him (Romans 2:11, James 2:1).

Action Steps

1. See your workplace or campus as your _____ field.
2. See your work as a _____, not a career.
 - Worship _____, not your work.
 - Don’t make your job an idol and don’t look to find your identity there.
 - Significance, security, and _____ can only come from the Lord.
 - A calling involves recognizing that we are co-workers with God in accomplishing His purposes by being content, by working in to meet our needs, and in order to give so that God can meet the needs of others through us.
3. Work hard at _____ you do (Proverbs 14:23, 21:25, 31:17).
4. _____ in the finished work of Christ.
 - Just before He died, Jesus cried out “It is _____” (John 19:30).
 - “It is finished” literally means “_____ in full.