

Series: Wealth and Walk of a Christian
"The Christ-Centered Workplace"
Eph. 6:5-9

1. Paul speaks of spirit-filled relations in the church (vs. 19-21), Spirit-Filled marriage (vs. 22-33), Spirit-filled parents and children (6:1-4), and the spirit-filled workplace (6:5-9).

2. I ran across a recent survey in which it said that 70% of American workers don't like their jobs, and of that 70% it said that 90% did not want to get up in the morning to go to work. Many view their job as a necessary evil- "I owe, I owe, off to work I go."

Many of these claim to be Christians. We need to rediscover what the Bible says about work- Work is a sacred duty in an arena which we live out our faith and bring God glory.

Matt. 5:16, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."

TT: We apply Paul's words about slaves and masters to the Employee-Employer relationship.

I. Employees work as unto Christ (6:5-8).

The command is clear: Live all of life for Christ. How does the Christian employee glorify Christ in the workplace?

1. Work respectfully (v.5a).

They are to obey with "fear and Trembling." This carries the same idea as 5:21 "fear of Christ."

We work seriously and reverently because they were working unto Christ.

2. Work Wholeheartedly (vs.5b-6).

Notice the emphasis on the heart in these verses. Not just working when the boss was present. Don't work only while being watched, in order to please man.

1. Work respectfully (v.5a).

2. Work Wholeheartedly (vs.5b-6).

3. Work Willingly (v.7).

Employees should serve with a good attitude not with a begrudging spirit. He tells them to put their heart and soul into their work because they are doing God's will.

4. Work Expectantly (v.8).

No act or work goes unnoticed by the Lord. Believers will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ and be rewarded based on faithfulness.

I. Employees work as unto Christ (6:5-8).

II. Employers treat employees as you would Christ (6:9).

Paul uses four words to describe the treatment of employees by employers.

1. Treat employees the way you want to be treated (v.9a). “Do the same unto them”

Integrity, respect, humility, and gentleness go a long way. Treat them as you would treat Christ.

If the employer wants respect and service, then he must give it as well.

2. Avoid hostility (v.9b). “Forbearing threatening”

Christian employers don’t bully or be aggressive.

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2. Avoid hostility (v.9b).

3. Christ-centered accountability (v. 9c). “Knowing your master is in heaven”

Remember, both the employer and employee are accountable to Christ.

4. God is impartial (v. 9d). “No respect of persons”

God plays no favorites.

Con:

Employees are to work through Christ, like Christ, and for Christ.

Employers are to lead or manage through Christ, like Christ, and for Christ.