

Who's Your Boss?

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Ephesians 6:5-9

As Christians, the workplace is one of the greatest areas of our lives to honor God and live out our testimony of the life of Christ in us!

Titus 2:9-10 "Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior."

God's Word gives us specific instructions regarding the workplace.

1. Be Obedient

"Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord." Colossians 3:22

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;..." Proverbs 1:7

"You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

❖ Obey with a sincere heart.

*Sincere: (Greek) "... pure ... genuine ..."*¹

*"...not hypocritical or pretended."*²

❖ Beware of selfish ambition!

📖 James 3:16-18

2. Be Honest with No False Appearance

"not by the way of eye-service, as people pleasers..." Ephesians 6:6

☞ How diligently do I work when the boss is gone?

☞ Do I work hard when no one is watching?

📖 Matthew 25: 14-30

❖ Christians should be the most trusted and hard-working employees!

3. Be Faithful to God

"...[work] as servants of Christ, 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

☞ What motivates me at my workplace?

☞ Do I understand that God has given me this job to serve Him with all my heart?

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men," Colossians 3:23

☞ Who's my boss?

☞ How is my attitude in the workplace?

"You are serving the Lord Christ!" Colossians 3:24

4. Be Ready to Receive a Reward from the Lord

“...knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, ...” Ephesians 6:8

📖 Galatians 6:7-10

❖ Attitude of Employees toward Christian Employers

📖 1 Timothy 6:2

❖ Attitude of Employees toward Harsh and Unjust Employers

📖 1 Peter 2:18-25

❖ Attitude of Employers toward Employees

📖 Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 4:1

“knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:24

“Remember me, O Lord, when You show favor to Your people; help me when You save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.” Psalm 106:4-5

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Endnotes:

¹ Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

² Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

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