

Supervisors & Workers

How the right attitude helps us to be more effective.

Ephesians 6:5-9

⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

⁹And 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.

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Discussion Questions:

Which has a greater impact on a job well done... what we accomplish or our attitude?

6:5 – What is the attitude should come from serving Jesus Christ on the job?

What does it mean we should do our work "with respect and fear"?

We fear and tremble before whom?

What does it mean to do our work in "sincerity of heart?"

6:6 – What is the problem with obeying your boss only when you are being watched?

What is wrong with only being motivated to win the favor of your boss?

What does it mean to work as a slave of Christ?

How may we do the will of God from our heart?

6:7 – What should be our motivation for serving wholeheartedly in our work?

What does it look like to serve wholeheartedly at work?

What difference should it make to consider yourself working for the Lord instead of men?

6:8 – What additional motivation has the Lord given us for serving wholeheartedly in our work?

Is working for eternal rewards a valid motivation for doing good works?

What good should we be doing in our work ? Who should be benefiting from our work?

How may we lay up treasures in heaven for ourselves while we are on the job?

Why does Paul specify that Christians should serve God wholeheartedly at work whether slave or free? We don't have slaves in our society today so what is the principle behind this that applies to our situation?

6:9 - How does this command to "masters" apply today?

Why shouldn't Christian bosses threaten their employees?

How can a supervisor manage his employees without threatening them?