

The Gospel in the Workplace

Who's Your Master?

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Ephesians 6:5-9 (NIV)

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 as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are 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.

- **We all serve a Master! The question is, who do you serve? Who's your master?** (vs. 5-6, 9; Luke 18:18-22; Matthew 6:21-24)

"You're gonna have to serve somebody."

Bob Dylan

- **Your attitude and the things you do in secret tell the story of your loyalty.** (vs. 5-8; Philippians 2:5-7; Matthew 6:1)

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all hosts of heaven and earth pause to say:

'Here lives a great sweeper who did his job well.'"

Martin Luther King Jr.

"There are no little people and no little places."

Francis Schae

- **Before Christ, Work is Survival - After Christ, Work becomes Worship.** (vs. 8-9; Colossians 3:23-24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Mother Teresa

"The humble person is not one who thinks little of himself, but one who does not think of himself at all." Andrew Murray

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17