

UPGRADE YOUR VITAL RELATIONSHIPS

EPHESIANS 6:5-9 [NLT*]

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. **6** Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. **7** Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. **8** Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. **9** Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

[* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted]

BIG IDEA

The believer expects God to be at work through their work.

PRIORITY 6

Workers, look to God as your true boss.

I. The _____ for our work (v.7-8)

7 Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 8 Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.

- ▶ All work is a _____ from God.
- ▶ Work is not meant to be our _____.

II. The _____ for our work (v. 5-9) Employees

1. Work courteously and respectfully while remaining _____.

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear.

2. Work with focus and _____.

5 ...Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

3. Work hard when not being _____.

6 Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart.

4. Work with _____.

7 Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Employers

1. Work looking for ways to _____ the interest of others.

9 "Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them;..."

2. Work without using guilt or _____ to motivate people.

9 "Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them;..."

3. Work without acting like you're better than anyone or showing _____.

9 "Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites."

III. The _____ behind our work. (v.8)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. Ephesians 6:8

PRIORITY 1

Look for your **fullness** in the limitless love of God, not in the limited love of a person.

PRIORITY 2

You honor your mother & father best by **listening** to them.

PRIORITY 3

Focus on your own **flaws** & **forgive** everyone else's.

PRIORITY 4

To live **brighter**, be present without participating.

PRIORITY 5

Husbands, **lead** your wives with **love** & **nourishment**.

PRIORITY 6

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