

Pastor Keith Krell | October 24, 2021

1 Peter 2:18-25 | “Workplace Grace”

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 2:11–2:17

How did you abstain from your most tempting sin this past week (2:11)?

What good deeds did God empower you to carry out (2:12)?

How did you submit to and honor your governing authorities (2:13–17)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 2:18–25

1 Timothy 6:1–2

Titus 2:9–15

Titus 3:1–8

Isaiah 53:1–12

Mark 15:16–20

2 Samuel 6:5–14

Study Questions

1. Have you ever had an unethical boss (1 Peter 2:18)? How did you handle this situation? Would you handle it differently today? How does being an employee with a “conscience toward God” affect the way you act and react to injustice in the workplace (2:18–20)? Can a conscientious Christian be a complainer? Why or why not? How do you usually react to prolonged, unfair treatment at work?
2. To what purpose have you been called (1 Peter 2:21)? When have you been unjustly treated? What evidence does your work associates have that you are a believer in Christ? Why are you suffering? Is your work not up to snuff? Are you routinely late for work? Do you meddle? Do you talk too much? Are you strong-willed and argumentative? Do you share your faith when you should be working?
3. List the many facets of Jesus’ sinless reaction to unjust suffering (1 Peter 2:21–25). What would be the equivalent of you following Christ’s example to unfair treatment? In what way will your behavior be different because of Jesus’ character (2:21–23)? The key to Christ’s obedience was entrusting Himself to the righteous Judge (2:23). Describe what this means in your own words. Why are the godly treated unfairly? In what trial do you need to entrust yourself to Him?
4. Do you believe there was a time in your life when God intentionally frustrated your work efforts to get your attention and pull you back on track? Peter states that Jesus is the “Shepherd and Guardian of our souls” (1 Peter 2:25). What are the implications of this statement? What other biblical truths can you think of that support this statement?
5. What factors foster trust and respect between people in a workplace? Can you think of a particular example where there has been a breakdown of trust and respect at your work? What difference did this make? If you work in a relatively warm and friendly environment, what do you think are some of the key ingredients that make it this way? Do good relationships influence productivity?

Recommended Reading

Doug Sherman and William D. Hendricks, *Your Work Matters to God* (NavPress, 1990)

Tom Nelson, *Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work* (Crossway, 2011)

Daniel M. Doriani, *Work: It’s Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* (P&R, 2019)

C. J. Mahaney, *Living the Cross Centered Life: Keeping the Gospel the Main Thing* (Multnomah, 2006)

John Stott, *The Cross of Christ* (IVP, 1986)

Answers: pain, gain, 1,000, household, 1/3, voluntary, False, grace, endure, rewards, promise, purpose, underwriting, 53, five, abuse, tree, bookends, spiritual, care, authority