



SUNDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: The Gospel Wears Work Clothes

Passage: 1 Timothy 6:1-2

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Introduction: Work is a significant part of everyday life. It is where we spend much of our time, build relationships, face challenges, and carry responsibilities. Yet many people separate their faith from their work, treating Sunday as God's day and the rest of the week as their own. But God never intended our faith to be confined to the walls of the church. The gospel is meant to shape every area of our lives, including the way we work and the way we live under authority.

I. The Gospel Changes the Worker Before It Changes the Workplace (Verse 1a)

The gospel changes the heart before it changes the home, changes the person before it changes the position, and changes the worker before it changes the workplace.

The gospel says that because Christ has changed your heart, your attitude can change even when your circumstances have not.

Paul tells us that the gospel should be evident even when nothing else changes. Our response to authority says far more about the condition of our heart than it does about the quality of our employer.



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"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

The gospel began when Christ changed us, not when we changed ourselves. And when Christ truly changes a heart, one of the first places that transformation becomes visible is in the ordinary responsibilities of everyday life.

II. The Gospel Protects the Reputation of God (Verse 1b)

When the Bible speaks of the name of God, it is talking about far more than the letters that make up His name. In Scripture and in life, a person's name represented his character, his reputation, and everything people believed to be true about him.

Your coworkers may never attend church or open a Bible, but they will begin forming opinions about your God by watching your life.

We don't want our lives to become ammunition for those who are looking for reasons to reject the gospel.

A gracious response during a difficult meeting may say more about Christ than a hundred conversations. Honest work when no one is watching may preach a louder sermon than one ever preached from this pulpit.

People ought to see something different in us. Not because we're naturally better than anyone else, but because Jesus Christ has changed us.

The gospel doesn't stay in the church building. The gospel wears work clothes.

III. The Gospel Transforms Relationships (Verse 2)

The gospel doesn't make us less responsible; it makes us more responsible.



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You're serving someone who is not only your employer but also your brother in Christ.

Christianity never lowers the standard of faithfulness; it raises it.

We ought to work with greater diligence because we don't want to harm a brother or sister in Christ. We should want our work to be a blessing, not a burden.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." (Colossians 3:23)

Conclusion: The Christian life is not something we leave at church. The gospel is meant to shape every area of our lives, including the way we work, the way we respond to authority, and the way we treat those around us. Every day we have the opportunity to honor the name of Christ through our attitude, our integrity, and our faithfulness. May our lives reflect Christ so clearly that others see the power of the gospel in us.



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