

Therefore, Take Your Theology To Work

Ephesians 6:5–9
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⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

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The Problem: We know the institution of slavery to be evil, yet the Bible seems to sanction it.

The Facts: The New Testament thoroughly and strategically severs the root of chattel slavery.

The Conclusion: As the gospel of Jesus Christ advances, the institution of slavery retreats.

The Segue: By arguing from the greater to the lesser, the principles advanced in the apostles’ instruction to slaves and masters apply to Christian employees and employers.

While the culture may stress the differences between employees and employers, God’s Word stresses what they have in common:

1. Both are equal in _____ and _____ in the sight of God.
2. Both have a model in Christ who was both _____ authority and _____ it.
3. Both serve one another, the employee by respectful _____ and the employer by self-sacrificing _____.
4. Both have a fixed and future performance _____ by the same _____ judge.
5. Both have immeasurable opportunity to _____ the _____.