

Text: Ephesians 6:5-9

Paradise Valley Community Church

Topic: Work

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Series: Ephesians

Title: The Gospel at Work

Introduction

The Employees

I. Who Do I _____ for? (v.5-8)

II. How am I to _____ my Boss? (v.5a)

III. How am I to _____? (v.5b)

IV. What _____ my work? (v.6-7)

V. How do I _____? (v.8)

The Employers

I. How Do I Understand my _____ (v.9a)

II. How Do I _____ Authority? (v.9b)

III. How Should I _____ My Authority? (v.9c)

Conclusion

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. What is the primary focus of this text? Read back through verses 5-9. Who is central in the workplace? Why is this the starting place for transformation?
2. Working unto the Lord brings with it a new view of those who are bosses. What is the connection between obeying your boss and obeying Christ? (Look at Romans 13:1-7)
3. A temptation is that something or someone other than Christ is our motivation for work. What is the problem if people or money is what drives your work ethic? Where might you compromise, or where have you been? How does working for Jesus change a person's work ethic? What practically can you do to change in this area?
4. If you are a boss, what principles in verse 9 can you put into practice? Do you see all your work before Christ's eyes? How do you seek to motivate and encourage your employees or threaten them? Do you see yourself the same as them before God? In other words, are you humble?

Recommended Resources

Edward T. Welch, *When People Are Big and God Is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency, and the Fear of Man*, (Phillipsburg, N.J: P & R Publishing, 1997).

Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*, Reprint edition (Penguin Books, 2014).