

Ice Breaker: Who was your best boss, worst? Why?

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A HOUSE IN ORDER



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*Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you – although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. (1 Cor. 7:21-23)*

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:28)*

## Four qualities of a good Christian worker...

- **Respect for authority** – “Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything...” (Titus 2:9a)

*“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord...It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Col. 3:22, 24b) – What does respect look like in the workplace and for your leaders? Can you do this even if you don't like them or you disagree with them?*

- **Commitment to excellence** – “...to try to please them...” (Titus 2:9a)

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. (Col. 3:23-24a) – Do you feel it is easy to please your current boss/leader? If you are the boss/leader, are you easy to please or difficult? How might it look if our perspective changed to one of pleasing a human leader to pleasing the God of the universe through our efforts? What would be the effects?*

- **Gracious with words** – “...not to talk back to them...” (Titus 2:9b)
- **Proven to be trustworthy** – “...and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted...” (Titus 2:10a)

¶ *A great gift to an employer is a second-mile employee – “If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” (Matt. 5:41)*

*He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honored. (Prov. 27:18)*  
**In 4 qualities above, how can you improve in each area in order to be a “second-mile” employee/boss?**

¶ *Note to bosses: your **Boss** requires you to provide justly for those under your care – “Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.” (Col. 4:1)*

## The motivation to be a godly worker regardless of the job...

*...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. (Titus 2:10b)*

**Self-reflection question: Do your employees, boss/leaders, workmates see Jesus in you more positively or negatively?**