

# Ephesians 6:5-9

## Scripture Translations:

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free. 9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. NKJV

Those who are employed should listen to their employers and obey their instructions with great respect and honor. Serve them with humility in your hearts as though you were working for the Master.

6 Always do what is right and not only when others are watching, so that you may please Christ as his servants by doing his will. 7 Serve your employers wholeheartedly and with love, as though you were serving Christ and not men. 8 Be assured that anything you do that is beautiful and excellent will be repaid by our Lord, whether you are an employee or an employer. 9 And to the caretakers of the flock I say, do what is right with your people by forgiving them when they offend you, for you know there is a Master in heaven that shows no favoritism. TPT

## Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Bondservants
- Sincerity
- Eyeservice
- Goodwill
- Masters
- Partiality

## Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

## Questions:

1. Obviously, we do not have bondservants and masters today. Therefore, who would these verses be attributed to in today's culture?
2. Explain the difference between a person who really has the heart of their marriage, family, business, etc and those who are just "hirelings".
3. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and explain the difference between the old (Law) and new covenants (Spirit)...living according to a law that requires human effort and walking by the Spirit that includes the mind and heart of Christ toward the Godhead, yourself and others.
4. What is Paul implying when he says there is no partiality with Yahweh?
5. If you took a survey of your life, would you say you are a good leader and are you a good follower? Explain.

## Faith Declarations and Christ Appropriations:

- In light of these few verses, lay hands on yourself and declare what kind of benevolent leader and what kind of obedient and submissive follower you plan to be today.
- Think of a time in Yahshua's life and ministry when He was a leader and another time when He was a follower. Now see yourself in Him during those times. Finally, make a draw on Yahshua during those times and download those spiritual resources into your life as an accurate/authentic representative and presenter of the Christ anointing today.