

Christians should be against slavery, especially the Christians who are free.

Following Jesus requires a radical reorientation of what is good, right, and true

“⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.” - Ephesians 5:7-10

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Following Jesus radically reorients the “why” and “how” of our relationships with others.

- 1. Why? We do what we do for others because of our relationship with Jesus.**
- 2. How? Christians treat others the way they wish was done for them.**

The radical reorientation of the Christian life is let go of the ways of the world and conform to servant-hearted way of Jesus

Following Jesus means a radical reorientation away from the worldliness of partiality; and toward the humble, genuine, servant-hearted, willing, and impartial way of Jesus.

Radical reorientation to relationships that is Christ-centered and others focused.

- 1. You can't keep score of who serves you- that is the opposite of what you should be doing.**
- 2. You can't do things for others hoping they will praise you for what you have done- that's the opposite of what you should be doing.**

Following Jesus requires a radical reorientation from pleasing men to pleasing Christ

Four ways that you can live and work for the opinion and praise of others:

- 1. Be hypocritical, insincere, and selfishly focused on what you think or how you feel.**

Ephesians 6:5

- 2. Selfishly focused on what people can see so they think better of you than you deserve.**

Ephesians 6:6

- 3. Reluctant and selfishly focused on the reward of their praise and opinion.**

Ephesians 6:7-8

- 4. Selfishly using your position or influence to benefit you at the expense of others.**

Ephesians 6:9

Four ways you can live and work for the name and praise of Jesus Christ:

1. Be genuine and pure in your motives toward others as if you are doing it for Jesus.

Ephesians 6:5

2. Be unconcerned about your personal reputation because you are consumed with living for the reputation of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:6-7

3. Working and living to the best of your ability for the reward that waits for you in heaven.

Ephesians 6:7-8

4. Serving and sacrificing for Jesus; for the benefit of others at personal expense.

Ephesians 6:9

Following Jesus requires that we regularly look inwardly at our own hearts and respond with faith, repentance, and obedience.