

OUR INFLUENCE IN THE WORK-PLACE

INTRODUCTION

The Christian life is a “life:” not something put on / put off.

Work is noble and right:

(Gen. 2:15; Matt. 13:55 and Mark 6:3; Acts 18:3; Eph. 4:28; Matt. 20:6-7)

THINGS TO PRACTICE IN THE WORK-PLACE

1. “servants” (employees) (Eph. 6:5-8)

- 1) “be obedient to them that are your masters” - do your job description ...
- 2) “with fear and trembling” - proper respect for boss’ position or rank.
- 3) “with singleness of heart” - when on the job, work.
- 4) “not with eye-service” - work when the boss isn’t looking; self-discipline.
- 5) “from the heart” - be a willing worker.
- 6) “with good will” - strive to free yourself from bitterness or ill-will.
- 7) “as unto Christ ... doing the will of God” - this is where to set your sights.
- 8) “knowing ... the same shall he receive again from the Lord” - the best paycheck.
Be a good worker because of ultimate judgment, judgment day.

2. “masters” (the boss) (Eph. 6:9)

- 1) “do the same things unto them” - practice the Golden Rule.
- 2) “forbearing threatening” - don’t take the law into your own hands; don’t get-even; don’t be the judge and the jury.
- 3) “knowing that your Master also is in heaven” - yes, you will be judged, too.

3. “be strong in the Lord” (v10) - at times, my strength alone is not sufficient.

4. (Romans 12:17) “ ... Provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

5. Other advice: be loyal to convictions, be dependable, shoulder your responsibility, be happy (don’t be the grumpy sour-puss employee), be slow to wrath, clean speech, when asked what you did over the weekend include your worship attendance.

CLOSE: We will preach a sermon by our lives to those with whom we daily work.