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INFLUENCE AS AN EMPLOYEE / EMPLOYER

(Ephesians 6:5-9)

INTRODUCTION - out of the pew and into the workplace.

We've gathered in the worship assembly, now we're scattered into daily living.

Going to work is noted in Scripture: (Gen. 2:15; Matthew 13:55; Matt. 20:6-7; Eph. 4:28)

1. (v5-8) "Bondservants" (today's employee in the workplace)

- 1) **"Be obedient to those"** - do your job; follow your job description;
listen to what the boss says; do what you are asked to do.
- 2) **"with fear and trembling"** - proper respect for boss' position and rank.
It's an attitude of life: develop proper respect or appreciation for those in authority
that moves us to be law-biding.
(Proverbs 16:6) "and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil."
- 3) **"in sincerity of heart ("singleness of heart") as to Christ"**
When it's time to work, work; remembering, you are a Christian worker.
- 4) **"not with eye-service, as men-pleasers ... of Christ"**
Self-discipline; meaning, do your work even if the boss isn't looking.
Be trust-worthy and be the one to whom the boss may leave in charge.
The way you do your job has an influence as to how others see Christ.
- 5) **"doing the will of God from the heart"**
"with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord"
All of our work for mankind is done with a heavenly view.
(Matthew 5:16) "Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 9:10) "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might"
- 6) **"knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord"**
That's the best paycheck!

2. (v9) "And you, masters" (today's boss in the workplace)

- 1) **"do the same things to them"** - it's the Golden Rule of life (Matthew 7:12)
- 2) **"giving up threatening"** - don't take revenge or the law into your own hands.
Don't allow your own wrath to control you. Don't be a harsh task-master.
- 3) **"knowing that your own Master also is in heaven"** - the boss has a Boss.

CLOSE - (Acts 4:13) "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, ...
they marveled. **And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**"

Arriving to work on Monday morning, fellow workers will ask, "What did you do
over the weekend?" Answering, be sure to add,
"And we went to worship assembly on Sunday morning." - influence!