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INTRO

1. One of the greatest enemies of the soul is to have a wrong perspective on WORK.

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

2. So work is not a punishment from God; it's a GIFT.

Ecclesiastes 3:12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

- It's a gift to meet our financial needs.
- It's a gift where we often find some comradery and relationships.
- It's a gift to serve people and bring value to the world.
- It's a gift for character development.
- It's a gift through which we honor God.

ASK YOURSELF:

- In what ways can you identify that your vocation is a gift?

INSTRUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SLAVES/EMPLOYEES

Ephesians 6:5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters...

1. This section begins with an overarching word, OBEY.

2. Notice that in this passage there are two LEVELS.

3. Here are four ways to do your work as a Christian:

a. Do your work RESPECTFULLY.

Eph. 6:5 ...with fear and trembling;...

- Having a genuine respect for what you've been asked to do and your desire to do your best work for the GLORY of God.

b. Do your work SINCERELY.

Eph. 6:5 ...with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,

- Speaking to an UNDIVIDED heart, with the desire of focusing on the job at hand.

c. Do your work with proper MOTIVATION.

Eph. 6:6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers,...

- Working regardless of whether someone is WATCHING.

d. Do your work wholeheartedly with the right intentions and right ATTITUDE.

Eph 6:6but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,

- Doing the WILL of God.
- If you've got a job, you're called by God to view your job as a CALLING and a ministry.

4. Paul brings this part of the passage to a climax with the reminder that "the boss" behind the "boss" will reward us for any GOOD we pursue.

Eph 6:8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Can you identify with these four ways that a Christian does his work? Where do you need to grow?

INSTRUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MASTERS/EMPLOYERS

Eph. 6:9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

1. Christian bosses will answer to the Lord in HEAVEN for how they oversee and treat those who work for them. God's main question to the employer will be, "How did you TREAT people?"

2. Don't miss your opportunity for a HIGHER calling!

ASK YOURSELF:

- If you were to disappear from your job Tuesday, would your contribution be missed? Would your coworkers miss you?

A Benediction

Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being right where you are. Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit, wants to do something in and through you. Believe this and go in his grace, his love, his power. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen