

The Workplace God's Way
Eph 6:5-9
 Part 2

I. Introduction

A. Turn to Eph 6:5 to Read...

Eph 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. 9...

B. NOTE: Parallel passages in Col 3:18-4:1 / 1 Peter 2:18-21

C. What do these parallel indicate?

1. A: What we are about to learn is the UNIVERSAL truth about the workplace
2. AND –this was a BIG ISSUE THEN
3. = It got a LOT of COVERAGE in SCRIPTURE!

II. Employees

A. Employees: “Slaves”

1. Slavery =Dominant social status of Roman Empire
 - a) All people conquered became slaves!
 - b) Estimates that 50-75% of entire Roman empire were slaves
 - c) Estimates that 90% of Christians were slaves!
 - d) Makes sense that slavery is written about so much in NT!
 - e) NO legal rights AT ALL. / NOT a person /Just a THING – PROPERTY.
2. In Part 3 – Will SHOW that YOU CAN EQUATE the

teaching to SLAVES to the WORKPLACE of TODAY –

- a) Slaves = Employees / Masters = Employers
- b) Paul indicates this passage is FOR ALL workers –
[Eph 6:8](#) knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, [whether slave or free.](#)

3. PURPOSE of this STUDY – To Learn what Christ expects of us in the workplace SO THAT we will glorify Him there and be rewarded for all the good we do for Him

- a) Your MANDATE at work (v.5)
- b) Your MASTERS at work (v.5)
- c) Your MINDSET at work (v.5)
- d) Your MANNER/METHOD at work (v.6-7)
- e) Your MOTIVE at work (v.8)

B. Your MANDATE at work

1. [“be obedient”](#)
 - a) [“be obedient”](#) = VERY STRONG COMMAND
 - b) Slaves, CONTINUALLY, ABSOLUTELY obey your masters!
 - c) Literally = under + hear = hear under the authority of someone else
 - d) Bible uses the word “hear” to mean obedience
 - e) Hence – proper translation is be OBEDIENT!
2. Once again we see OBEDIENCE / SUBMISSION is the MANDATE – just now is at work - NOT ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS / DESIRES, etc.!
3. Absolutely the same requirement as Wives to husbands / Children to parents
4. God’s perfect plan for the workplace is a relationship of Authority and Submission!
5. As we go through this section –

- a) Think about submission and obedience
- b) Think about the home vs. the workplace
- c) Think about your attitudes IN BOTH
- d) EVEN go all the way back to Eph 5:21 – think about mutual Christian submission!

[Eph 5:21](#) and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

- e) Think about your ACTIONS of SUBMISSION
- f) Think about your ATTITUDES of SUBMISSION
- g) Do you submit better at home? At work? With other Christians?

6. Let me suggest to you

- a) Most Christians SUBMIT best at WORK
 - (1) At least in ACTION – do what the boss says
 - (2) On the ATTITUDE side – we WORK HARDER at the RIGHT ATTITUDE at work than we do at home!
 - (3) Why is that? A: GREED. MONEY.
 - (4) The consequences of NO-OBEDIENCE = PAIN = less money or no money.
- b) Most Christians submit SECOND BEST in the body of Christ!
 - (1) BUT – that’s only if it is CONVENIENT and ALIGNS with your SELFISHNESS
 - (2) We like to look good in front of others UNTIL we are in SIN
 - (3) Submission in the body of CHRIST “usually” STOPS DEAD when you want to SIN
 - (a) Scripture says stop / Christians say stop
 - (b) You say – “I’m OUTTA HERE”
 - (c) Submission NO LONGER ALIGNS WITH YOUR SELFISHNESS

- c) Most Christians OBEY / SUBMIT WORST at home
 - (1) Why? NO “perceived” consequences
 - (2) We don’t air our dirty laundry publicly
 - (3) We want everyone to think our homes are perfect
Christian ivory towers = Pride
 - (4) SO – spouses, children DISOBEY GOD and
“seemingly” get away with it.

7. Why do I bring this all up now?

- a) A: Workplace INVOLVES MONEY – a NECESSARY
COMMODITY for worldly COMFORT
- b) You MUST SEPARATE the MONEY from your
ATTITUDES and ACTIONS at work

8. You CAN be

- a) The hardest worker your boss has ever seen
- b) The highest paid worker in your company because
YOU DO EXACTLY what the BOSS WANTS
- c) The person at the TOP of the ORG CHART
managing the multitudes – BECAUSE YOU ROSE
THERE from HARD, OBEDIENT WORK
- d) AND – EVEN with all that – YOU CAN BE in
COMPLETE DISOBEDIENCE to GOD
 - (1) BECAUSE your ATTITUDE is WRONG
BIBLICALLY

9. I also bring it up because we do obey better at work

- a) THAT SHOULD CONVICT YOU of SIN
- b) In body of Christ – where mutual submission is required
- c) In the home where Wives submit to husbands /
Husbands submit to CHRIST

10. BL: We need to RESET our ATTITUDES
ACROSS THE BOARD

11. WE NEED the PROPER ATTITUDE fueling the
PROPER BEHAVIOR!

12. What is that attitude?

C. Your MASTERS at work

1. Two bosses at work!
 - a) Your “boss” = Employer, supervisor, manager...
 - b) Your “BIG boss”! = Christ!
2. [v.5 be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh](#),
 - a) = EARTHLY, TEMPORAL BOSS!
3. [with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ](#):
 - a) First – that WHOLE PHRASE goes with CHRIST – not with “[masters according to the flesh](#)”
 - b) Again in v.6 workers labeled “[slaves of Christ](#)”
4. What’s the obvious point here?
 - a) Same as previously!
[Eph 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.](#)
[Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.](#)
 - b) POINT: You are REALLY OBEYING Jesus Christ!
 - (1) Employees – OBEY your bosses
 - (a) Because that obeys Christ
 - (b) In the same way you obey Christ
 - (c) He’s just the BY-PRODUCT of obeying Christ
 - (d) YOUR REAL, ULTIMATE LORD is CHRIST!
 - (e) ALL OBEDIENCE is to ULTIMATELY TO HIM
 - (2) Yes, you do what HE SAYS
 - (a) But that’s what Christ says too!
 - (b) That obeys Christ
 - (c) That glorifies Christ!
 - c) FREEING ATTITUDE! I REALLY work for Christ!
 - (1) Even if I don’t LIKE / WANT to DO what my boss says...

- (2) I do it AS IF I'M DOING it FOR CHRIST
- (3) BECAUSE I AM DOING IT FOR CHRIST!

5. WORK = Constantly LOOKING BEYOND the immediate situation

- a) = Constantly LOOKING to CHRIST
- b) Am I pleasing Him?
- c) Am I obeying Him?
- d) Am I the best possible witness for Him?
- e) Am I doing HIS WILL or MY WILL?
- f) Workplace = MISSION FIELD for CHRIST!

6. Paul's going to tell us the PROPER CHRIST-LIKE MINDSET to HAVE at work!

- a) What attitudes please Christ the most?

D. Your MINDSET at work

with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

1. Remember – as I said above this whole phrase attaches to “as to Christ!”
2. That is also the KEY TO THE WHOLE SECTION!
3. ... as to Christ:
 - a) Again – Paul is specific with the name Christ because “Lord” / “Master” was the common term for those over you in work then
 - b) Proper understanding then =
 - (1) With fear and trembling...as to Christ
 - (2) With sincerity of your heart as to Christ!
4. Paul now gives us first a NEGATIVE MENTALITY we are to have and then a POSITIVE mentality
5. with fear and trembling,
 - a) “fear” = phobos (phobia)
 - (1) Many QUICKLY throw out “fear” and say “reverential awe”

- (2) Word can mean either
- (3) Here – FEAR God’s chastening / loss of joy, blessing
- b) “[trembling](#)” = tremors (tremors) = shaking!
- (1) = outward manifestation of fear
- (2) [Trembling](#) = PEOPLE can SEE that YOU ARE FEARING SOMETHING!
- (3) Since this “[trembling](#)” is toward Christ – PEOPLE SEE THAT YOU FEAR YOUR GOD!
- (4) Can you say that? Wow!
- c) Did you know that we are to have the same [fear and trembling](#) at work that we are to have toward our SANCTIFICATION!
- [Php 2:12 ...work out your salvation with fear and trembling;](#)
- d) What is the first thing you think about when you consider a person in “[fear and trembling](#)”
- (1) Afraid, WEAK!
- (2) Doesn’t sound like the MINDSET our workplace wants today!
- e) BUT – that is EXACTLY the attitude God wants you to have towards Christ while your work!
- f) Solomon and Isaiah say it clearly!

[Pr 1:7](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

[Ps 111:10](#) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments;(could preach that one for weeks!) His praise endures forever.

[Is 66:2](#) “For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

- g) One Author: Both of those are proper reactions to the awareness of one's own spiritual weakness and the power of temptation. [The Lord seeks such an attitude in His children...](#) This is not a fear of being doomed to eternal torment, nor a hopeless dread of judgment that leads to despair. It is rather a fear, a holy concern to give God the honor He deserves and avoid the chastening of His displeasure. Such fear protects against temptation and sin and gives motivation for obedient, righteous living.
- h) IOW = Fear of 1 Peter 1:15-17
[1 Pe 1:15](#) but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; [16](#) because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." [17](#) If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;
- (1) V.17 = God is watching your life and your fear is that WHEN you GET off the path of HOLINESS, GOD WILL CHASTEN YOU per Heb 12 to get you back to holiness!
- i) Listen to Paul's assessment of himself
[1 Co 2:3](#) I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,
- j) Solomon: God blesses those who fear Him!
[Pr 28:14](#) How blessed is the man who fears always, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.
- k) "[fear and trembling](#)" =
- (1) Self DISTRUST
- (2) On Guard for Greed, Pride, Worldly lusts to take over in our work
- (3) =Constantly aware of the deceitfulness of our own hear

- (4) = AVOIDING anything that would dishonor Christ in the workplace
- (5) = constantly aware that Christ will chasten you for disobedience in the workplace!
- (6) Are fear and trembling proper motivators? YES!
- (7) FEAR chastening AND FEAR LOSS of JOY, PEACE, BLESSING from God!
- (8) = Fear losing the good stuff too!
- (9) Another author adds

“To have such godly **fear and trembling** involves more than merely acknowledging one’s sinfulness and spiritual weakness. It is the solemn, ... **fear** that springs from deep adoration and love. It acknowledges that every sin is an offense against holy God and produces a sincere desire not to offend and grieve Him, but to obey, honor, please, and glorify Him in all things.... This **fear and trembling** will cause believers to pray earnestly for God’s help in avoiding sin!”

- l) Q: WHOM do you fear more at work? The boss or the big boss – Christ?
- m) IOW – Do you really EVER MOTIVATE YOURSELF out of FEAR and TREMBLING of what Christ will do?
- n) A: NO! We motivate based on FEAR of what our employer will do!
 - (1) If I show up late, the boss will fire me
 - (2) If I don’t get this done, the boss will get mad
 - (3) If I keep being lazy and slow, I won’t get a raise, won’t get promoted!

6. YET – This passage TEACHES NONE of THAT!

7. Real attitude should be

- a) If I keep showing up late, Christ will take away this job that HE HAS GIVEN ME – I fear and tremble

at that chastening and loss of joy

- b) If I don't get this done, I will let down Christ and lessen my witness to my boss and co-workers who are unsaved

- (1) Then I will be grieved because He did His work for me on the cross

- c) He never let up during his life and ministry

- (1) He never complained at His suffering for me

- (2) He DIED for ME – and He isn't asking me to die for anyone here!

- d) Is that your mentality at work? IT SHOULD BE!

8. But Paul's not done with our work mindset →

9. [in the sincerity of your heart](#),

- a) Again "[in the sincerity of your heart as to Christ!](#)"

- b) "[sincerity](#)" = SINGLENESSE, wholeheartedness, "undivided mind with integrity and singleness of purpose"

- c) "[heart](#)" = Greek way of saying the WHOLE PERSON = MIND + EMOTIONS + PERSON = WHOLE INNER PERSON

- (1) = in opposition to mere EXTERNAL SINCERITY

- (a) = hypocrisy

- (b) Will talk about that below when we talk about man-pleasers!

- d) To be a SINCERE WORKER is to be a SINGLE-MINDED WORKER TOWARDS Christ!

- e) YOU HAVE ONE PURPOSE in the WORKPLACE – SERVE CHRIST!

- f) Your attitude = everything I do there is FOR HIM!

- g) From the BOTTOM of your BEING, WORK is FOR CHRIST!

10. Having this mentality / mindset at WORK is SO FOREIGN to Christians!

- a) Most Christians NEVER THINK about Christ during the work day
- b) Let alone think about their work being for Him!

11. BUT – you have to have this MINDSET in order to have your ACTIONS at work be right

- a) Let's look at MANNER / METHOD at work

E. Your MANNER at/of work

6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men

1. Paul teaches us by CONTRAST

- a) First the Negative “Not by way of eyeservice
- b) Then the positive “but as slaves of Christ”

2. ALSO – there is a AN IMPLIED CONTRAST to the previous verses!

- a) “eyeservice” = externals = OPPOSITE of “sincerity of heart” (INTERNALS)
- b) “Men-pleasers” = OPPOSITE of Christ-pleasers!

3. Note: Everything that FOLLOWS “slaves of Christ” DESCRIBES what that Means!

- a) IOW: How does one WORK as a “slave of Christ”?
- b) A: doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men

4. 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers,

- a) I love this these terms! SO OBVIOUS!
- b) Haven't we all seen these kinds of workers???
- c) “eyeservice” =
 - (1) ONLY Work hard when the boss is watching!
 - (2) When working trying to ATTRACT the ATTENTION of the BOSS
 - (3) = “catching the boss' eye”
 - (4) = only concerned with what the boss will see!

(5) = EXTREMELY SUPERFICIAL, SHALLOW work

(6) You're not even trying to be good at your work, you're just focused on what the boss sees.

d) "[men-pleasers](#)" =

(1) Deeper level of worker

(2) You are PRIMARILY trying to please the boss

(3) WRONG BECAUSE you are to BE PRIMARILY focused on pleasing CHRIST and pleasing the boss becomes a BYPRODUCT

(4) Men-pleasers AREN'T pleasing God

(a) Become SLAVES to PLEASING MEN

(b) Become WILLING to DISOBEY GOD to please men

(5) A Man-pleaser CAN BE A TRULY EXCELLENT WORKER

(a) Problem is WHO he/she IS PLEASING?

5. What has Paul done here?

[Eph 6:5](#) Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers

a) A: He has flowed RIGHT from the PROPER MINDSET to say...

b) With that MINDSET you will NOT DO your work

(1) As EYESERVERS / AS Man-Pleasers

c) If you have the RIGHT ATTITUDE, you WON'T WORK LIKE THIS!

6. Then he continues and says, "Let me tell you HOW THE PROPER MINDSET MANIFESTS itself IN THE MANNER of YOUR WORK"

7. [v.6...but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men](#)

- a) “but” = VERY STRONG CONTRAST!
- b) “as slaves of Christ”
- (1) = world may call you a SLAVE to your MASTER
 - (2) BUT REALLY – you are a SLAVE of CHRIST!
 - (3) You’re not to PLEASE MEN BUT TO PLEASE CHRIST as HIS slave
 - (4) Isn’t that great! = “slaves of Christ” is your PRIMARY POSITION / LABEL.
 - (5) = Being a slave of men is MERELY A TEMPORAL, TEMPORARY situation
 - (6) AND that temporal situation is NOT THE DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC of your life!
 - (7) Being a slave of CHRIST SUPERCEDES being a slave of anyone else!
- c) That should set your attitude straight!
- (1) Next time someone asks you what your job is – tell them you are a “slave of Christ” and see what kind of conversation that starts!
- d) How do you do the work “as slaves of Christ?”
- e) doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men
- (1) TO SERVE Christ is to Do God’s WILL! – FROM the heart
 - (2) Again that internal, bottom of your being attitude “from the heart”
 - (3) What is the “will of God” in the workplace?
 - (4) A: Paul defines that in the next verse
 - (5) V.7 tells us HOW to do V.6!
 - (6) 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men
 - (a) “with good will” = the MINDSET of V.5
Eph 6:5... with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

- (i) God's will is that you work for Christ with this MINDSET!
- (b) render service, as to the Lord, and not to men
 - (i) Literally "slaving"
 - (ii) = slaving of the LOWEST of ALL SLAVES = 3rd level Galley slave
 - (iii) One of the rowers who didn't get fresh air, didn't get sunlight and refreshing breezes and wouldn't get out alive if the boat sank!
 - (iv) You are SLAVING for Christ -not men!
- (c) And – what does a SLAVE DO? A:
WHATEVER he/she IS ASKED to do.
- (d) And while DOING, your attitude is fear and trembling and sincerity of heart to Christ!

8. Come back for air now!

- a) Paul is calling for nothing less than ALL-OUT SLAVING for Christ!
- b) "Lord, I will work my hardest in this job – FOR YOU"
- c) Whatever I'm asked to do – I will do it know that You are asking me to do it SO THAT I CAN PLEASE you.
- d) Remember – Peter said we do this EVEN for UNREASONABLE bosses!
- e) Your ATTITUDES and ACTIONS at work HAVE NOTHING to do with you employer
- f) IT IS ALL FOR CHRIST!
- g) Now – will that please your boss? YOU BET!
- h) The world doesn't see workers like that!
- i) WHEN you take your Christ-like attitude into work – you are a stark contrast to the world!
 - (1) Peace, joy, – from above – nothing bothers you

- (2) Contentment – nothing they do bothers you
- (3) No anxiety, no worry, no anger
- (4) No fear of men
- (5) No fear of losing your job
- (6) Just working hard, not wasting time, giving 110% for the Lord's sake!
- (7) They don't know what to do with you!

9. How do you keep such a mindset and method of work in the fallenness of today's workplace?

F. Your MOTIVE at work

8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

1. You know that your REAL BOSS will GIVE YOU JUST DUE for your work!
2. And – what He gives is A LOT BETTER than what your earthly boss has to offer!
3. "knowing" = "having come to know" = "because you know"
 - a) "knowing" ties ALL THE WAY BACK to "be obedient" in V.5 = "be obedient...KNOWING..."
4. "whatever good thing each one does"
 - a) Great ALL-ENCOMPASSING statement
 - b) God SEES EVERYTHING YOU DO!
 - c) Does your earthly boss see everything you do? NO! But God does!
 - d) "good thing" = the INTRINSIC GOOD
 - (1) Not the external, visible good
 - (2) BUT the invisible, intrinsic good
 - e) INCLUDES
 - (1) The work you did for your boss –God sees that you took out the garbage with a Christ-pleasing attitude that also pleased your boss!
 - (2) The work you did for your BIG boss – Christ!

- (a) Remember that time someone asked you to do something in a way that was illegal or deceitful or political
- (b) You said, "How about we do it this OTHER WAY" knowing it would please Christ more?
- (c) You might of even slipped in a sentence about being a Christian and not being able to do it the suggested way – and gotten a chance to witness!

5. [this he will receive back from the Lord,](#)

- a) "[this](#)" refers back to that "[good thing](#)" you did
 - (1) = "this good thing will be NOTICED and REWARDED by Christ"
- b) "[he will receive back from the Lord](#)" = REWARDED by CHRIST!
 - (1) = PURE GRACE = UNDESERVED!
 - (2) The only good I do is because Christ ENABLES/ EMPOWERS me to do it!
 - (3) I don't deserve rewards, but Christ gives them!
- c) When will you receive this reward?
 - (1) ULTIMATELY / PRIMARILY at the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10)
 - (a) That judgment seat is in a very interesting context relative to what we are talking about today!
 - (b) We usually just read v.10 -But REALLY you must read v.9 with v.10

[2 Co 5:9](#) Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, [to be pleasing to Him.](#) [10](#) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

(c) Paul's whole life was about being "pleasing to Christ"!

(d) AND, YES, He was motivated by being rewarded by Christ!

G. So there you have it!

1. You never knew you had YET ANOTHER BOSS at work! Just kidding
2. MORE TRUTHFUL – you probably now know that you have been FOCUSED on PLEASING the WRONG BOSS
3. No one has a SECULAR JOB – we ALL WORK FOR CHRIST!
4. We are all just aliens and strangers
 - a) Passing through - gather up people for eternity!
 - b) Nothing matters here – except to serve Christ – wherever He puts us!

III. Employers

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

A. Employers: "Masters" = Christian Masters!

1. Primary context – Christian Masters / Christian Workers
2. BUT ALSO INCLUDES – Christian Masters with non-Christian workers! (just not primary for this side of the equation – because of V.9)

B. Your MANDATE / MANNER at WORK

do the same things to them, and give up threatening,

1. Masters – you know how you were smiling at all those wonderful things I just told slaves to do that you will benefit from?
2. Well – "do the same things to them!"
 - a) = ALL the CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES from ABOVE APPLY TO YOU!

- b) Most specifically – phrase ties to the MANNER of work above

[Eph 6:6b ... as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,](#)

- c) REMEMBER that manner INCLUDED the MINDSET from above in v.5!

[Eph 6:5b ... with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;](#)

- d) SO – Paul Pulls in all the principles from above!

3. [“and give up threatening”](#)

- a) This phrase BUILDS on the PREVIOUS

- b) = a LOGICAL RESULT / AMPLIFICATION

- c) [“threatening”](#) isn’t the right word here!

[Ac 16:26 ...everyone’s chains were unfastened.](#)

[Ac 27:40 ...they were loosening the ropes of the rudders;...](#)

(1) =LOOSENING / RELEASING SOMETHING!

- d) Paul: “EASE up on them / Loosen Up! = STOP LORDING IT OVER THEM”

- e) = “in applying the Christian work principles, you WILL LOOSEN UP on your EMPLOYEES!”

4. Just as with employees, there is a motive here!

C. Your Motive

knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

1. [“knowing”](#) = same as before = “because you know”

2. [both their Master and yours is in heaven,](#)

- a) You’re NOT REALLY THE BOSS HERE!

- b) BOTH of YOU HAVE THE SAME REAL / ULTIMATE BOSS – Christ!

- c) = Attitude adjustment for all bosses!

3. and there is no partiality with Him.

- a) First – ALL of the rewards above do apply to the boss too!
- b) BUT – Paul needs to reply the BOSS who is the REAL JUDGE and HOW HE JUDGES!
- c) “no partiality” = “does not receive your face”
- d) God doesn’t care that you had the higher position – He will judge you equally to that of the employee
- e) AGAIN – this is rewards judgment at the judgment seat of Christ – not sin judgment!

IV. CONCLUSION

A. When you finish with the Master – what do you realize?

1. The workplace is a LEVEL, EQUAL PLAYING FIELD for employee and employer
2. BEFORE CHRIST – you are EQUALS = both WORK for HIM
3. You both are GOVERNED by the EXACT SAME work MINDSET and MANNER of work
4. The ONLY DIFFERENCE is your ROLES
5. Those ROLES are TEMPORARY and ONLY RELATED to WORK
 - a) NEITHER greater or lesser as a person (both worthy of death in Christ’s eyes)
 - b) They don’t make you greater or lesser AS CHRISTIANS – we’re all equal the (Gal 3:26-28)
6. And the KEY – SINCE CHRIST is the BOSS – WHO PUT YOU IN THOSE ROLES? A: HE DID
 - a) No glory for anybody but Him! No place for pride!
 - b) He gifted you as He saw fit and He put you there
7. And – why are you ultimately there?
 - a) To be AMBASSADORS for Him /HIS WITNESSES

B. No CHRISTIAN has A SECULAR JOB!

- C. You are on a SPIRITUAL MISSION – to the PEOPLE YOU WORK WITH – GOD has PLACED you THERE – DO HIS WORK (NOT YOURS!).**
- D. NEVER LOSE your TESTIMONY FOR SOMETHING in this WORLD. – LOSE your USEFULNESS to God.**
- E. Serve CHRIST through your WORK!**