



SUBMITTING SLAVES AND MASTERS
EPH. 6:5-9
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I. Introduction

Within all human relationships, God's plan has established some form of authority and submission. Within a working environment, just like within a home, someone must lead and others must follow that lead by voluntarily submitting to the authority in place.

II. Understanding 1st Century Slavery

- a. The life of a 1st Century slave
- b. High class, low class, no class, no matter

III. The Submission of Employees (vv. 5-8)

- a. Rome was a tough, ugly world
- b. Christian employees honor the Lord by honoring their employers

IV. The Submission of Employers (v. 9)

- a. Employers, treat your employees the way you expect to be treated.
- b. God shows no partiality neither can employers (Rom. 2:11)

IV. Conclusion

By walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, Paul is calling employers and employees to please the Lord with their relationships. Paul wants mutual promotion of respect, valuing, and consideration in order to ensure a work environment that is godly.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week of: November 4, 2018
Title: Submitting Slaves and Masters
Text: Ephesians 6:5-9

Kick Starters...

1. Briefly share a story about an employer you have had who respected you and made work enjoyable.
2. What was your favorite place to work, why?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. What are some major differences between 1st century slavery and our modern-day understanding of slavery?
5. What parallels can we connect between 1st century masters/slaves and today's employers/employees?
6. How are we to show godly respect for our employers, even if they are not believers?
7. How are we to show Christ to our employees and coworkers who are not believers?

8. Discuss the difference between being a people pleaser versus having a sincere heart within our workplace as either an employer or employee

Execute the text

9. Employees are not serving humans, they are ultimately serving the Lord. With that knowledge and imperative, how does that impact our daily work?
10. Our relationship of submitting within the workplace gives us a greater awareness of how to serve others, regardless of being the employer or employee. Pray for the CEFC family's witness in the community to honor Christ in either role in order to draw attention to the Gospel!

Lost & Found

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

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Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

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Billington/Reuter
Friday 7pm @ CEFC

Joint Heirs

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

Crossroads

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks