

Say Yes to God: Growing Deeper in God's Grace

"Work Transformed"

Ephesians 6:5-9

THE BIG IDEA: When Jesus Christ becomes our Lord, his Lordship transforms all of life, including the arena where we spend a good deal of our lives---work. Work becomes much more than just making money, it is an opportunity to serve God, honor him and use the gifts he has given us to make a difference. When we approach work with such an attitude, work can actually become a form of worship.

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED

Share about either your first real job or the most unusual job you have ever held.

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Ephesians 6:5-9

1. It is estimated that there were over 60,000,000 slaves in the Roman Empire at the time that Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians. For the most part, the life of the slave was grim and terrible. By law, a slave was not a person but a thing. In light of this information, what is surprising about the advice Paul gives to slaves and masters in this passage?
2. How is the slave's union with Christ to affect his or her relationship with the master? (vv.5-8)
3. In turn, how is the master's union with Christ to affect his relationship with the slaves.
4. How can you translate Paul's advice to slaves and masters to our modern day work situation?
5. How would answer the question, "Why do you work?"
6. What do you think verse 7 means? If you are working to serve Christ instead of just collecting a paycheck, how does this change in attitude affect your work? How does serving Christ instead of just working for an earthly boss give dignity to any job?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

7. What have been some helpful ways that you have brought your faith into the workplace?
8. What is the toughest thing about being a Christian at your place of employment?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s hope and the power of the Resurrection through one another. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another needs. There you find the power of God.

It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it why he does it.

-A.W. Tozer