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Work Relationships Ephesians 6:5-9

Introduction: Work is part of what God intended for us on this earth. It is not a 'necessary evil' nor is it intended to rule our lives. God talks specifically about the details of work relationships immediately after He speaks about the family relationship.

A. Workers, vs. 5-8

1. Obey

- a. With fear and trembling, GK, "performance of duty not to hardness of service"
- b. With sincerity of heart, GK, "purity of intention, whole hearted devotion to service"

2. According to the flesh

- a. Bosses can tell us what to do
- b. Bosses have no control over our spirits and attitudes

3. Commands

a. Negative

1. Not by eye service, GK. "Labor when the boss looks but relaxation and laziness when boss is gone"
2. Not as people pleasers, GK, "one who pleases people at the sacrifice of principle"

b. Positive, as slaves of Christ

1. Do the will of God
2. Serving with good will as to the Lord
3. Will receive a reward
 - a. From the Lord
 - b. Both slave and free

B. Bosses, vs. 9

1. Give up threatening
2. Know your Master is in heaven
3. Know their Master is in heaven

Conclusion: God instructs us how to be the worker bee and also the 'Queen' bee as it were in this passage. Understand this, He is the true Master.