

## Work as Worship

*“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; not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. 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.” (Ephesians 6:5–9, NASB)*

### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Work

A. All some people see is the \_\_\_\_\_ of work.

1) Work is a necessary evil.

*“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8)*

*“For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.” (2 Thessalonians 3:10)*

2) Some Work is beneath them.

B. Some people fail to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of work.

*“For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are*



*not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.” (1 Corinthians 1:26–29)*

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Work

A. Work as \_\_\_\_\_.

*“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; not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men...” (Ephesians 6:5-7).*

*“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” (Colossians 3:23)*

*“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” (Colossians 3:17)*

*“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)*

B. Work as \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Work’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*“knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.” (Ephesians 6:8).*

*“...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.” (Romans 14:10)*

*“So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:12)*



*“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.” (Colossians 3:23–24)*

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)*

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ to Work

*“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.” (Ephesians 6:9)*

- A. Value your Employees.
- B. Create a place that people want to work.
- C. Use your business to advance the Kingdom of God.
- D. Remember you have a boss, Jesus.

*“Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.” (Colossians 4:1)*

#### My Response:

- Work is a **gift** from God.
- Work requires the **grace** of God.
- Work to bring **glory** to God.

**Answers:** Wrong Perspective, Drudgery, Dignity, Worshipful Pursuit, Worship, Witness, Windfall, Winsome Place.



**Benediction:**

*“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things and because of Your will they existed, and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)*

