

## SERVING CHRIST ON THE JOB

### Webnotes

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. Ephesians 6:5-9*

### Slavery in Bible Times:

*Were a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) 1 Corinthians 7:21*

*I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called. Eph. 4:1*

*...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph. 5:21*

### Slaves/Employees:

- **Obey** (*Slaves, obey your earthly masters*)

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 1 Peter 2:18-19*

- **With respect** (*with fear and trembling*)
- **With sincerity and integrity** (*with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart*)

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31*

*Let all who are under a yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved. 1 Timothy 6:1-2*

- **With a pleasant spirit** (*rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man*)
- **With an eye to the final reward** (*knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.*)

**Masters/Employers:**

- **Do the same**
- **Don't misuse your authority** (*don't threaten*)
- **Don't forget – you have a Master too!** (*knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him*)