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Read Ephesians 6:5-9

Ephesians 6:5-8 TPT

⁵ Those who are employed should listen to their employers and obey their instructions with great respect and honor. Serve them with humility in your hearts as though you were working for the Master. ⁶ Always do what is right and not only when others are watching, so that you may please Christ as his servants by doing his will. ⁷ Serve your employers wholeheartedly and with love, as though you were serving Christ and not men. ⁸ Be assured that anything you do that is beautiful and excellent will be repaid by our Lord, whether you are an employee or an employer.

God is God. He made us and He gave us work. He redeemed us to Himself through Jesus Christ, to live in fellowship and union with Him.

We have an incredible opportunity to reveal Him in our workplaces. We can show the gospel by the way we work and treat one another. If God is your Master, employers and employees will work differently, as unto Him.

Christian workers should not require supervisors to check on them, as they should be working for the One who sees everything. They should not steal time or resources, but honour and respect their employers. They should do their best, as if serving Christ directly. We are all in 'full-time ministry', as we are serving Him in all that we do. Our work can be our worship.

Christian bosses should treat their employees as they would treat Christ, with love and respect; not using harshness or manipulation to exact results. God is good and kind and merciful. The Psalmist David described Him as having lovingkindness and tender mercies when he had done wrong (Psalm 51:1). If this is how God is, should we not be imitators of Him?

Let us reveal God in our workplaces by the way we treat one another, employers and employees alike.

Application

1. Do you see your workplace as an opportunity to reveal God and show the gospel to others?
2. How can you make your work your worship? What attitude adjustments do you need to make?

Prayer

Father, help us be imitators of You and represent Your kingdom wherever we go. May your Spirit reveal wrong attitudes in us and help us to honour You in our work life and treat one another as we would treat Christ. May You be glorified in everything we do, in Jesus' name. Amen.