

Working for a New Boss

Ephesians 6:5-9

- I. If we work for others, we must serve wholeheartedly as a way of serving Christ (6:5-8).
 - A. A Godly Attitude: Do you work for others sincerely because you are serving Christ (6:5-7)
 1. *Show Respect*: Obey your boss with respect like you respect and obey Christ (6:5).
 2. *Take Responsibility*: Work faithfully whether someone is watching or not because you are serving Christ (6:6).
 3. *Be Enthusiastic*: Work with eagerness because you are serving Christ instead of people (6:7; Colossians 3:23).
 - B. God's Blessing: Anticipate God's response to your faithfulness at work (6:8; Titus 2:9-12).
 1. *Personal Reward*: God blesses us for our effort to please Him as we work faithfully for others (6:8; Colossians 3:24).
 2. *Gospel Results*: We make the gospel attractive when we are effective and trustworthy at work (Titus 2:9-12).
- II. If others work for us, we are also serving God and are accountable to Him (Ephesians 6:9).
 - A. Be Kind: The Christian boss must likewise treat workers well – being good and fair to them (6:9a; Colossians 3:25-4:1).
 - B. Be Warned: The Christian boss is accountable to God as the Master who is not partial to position (6:9b; James 5:4).