## **EPHESIANS 6:5-9**

- 5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.
- 6 Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart.
- 7 Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.
- 8 Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.
- 9 Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."
- 11 Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business.
- 12 We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.
- 1 Corinthians 7:20 Yes, each of you should remain as you were when God called you.
- 21 Are you a slave? Don't let that worry you—but if you get a chance to be free, take it.
- 22 And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in the Lord. And if you were free when the Lord called you, you are now a slave of Christ.
- 23 God paid a high price for you, so don't be enslaved by the world.
- 24 Each of you, dear brothers and sisters, should remain as you were when God first called you.

	Employees		
You Must Work			

- Verse 5 "obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear"
- 1 Peter 2:18 You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel.
- 19 For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment.
- 20 Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.
- 21 For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.
- 1 Timothy 6:1 All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching.
- 2 If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved.

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Verse 5 - "Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ."	

Colossians 3:23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

You Must Work
Verse 6 - "Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart."
Galatians 6:4 Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.
You Must Work
Verse 7 - "Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
Romans 12:11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
1 Corinthians 15:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.
You Must Work For The
Verse 8 - "Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free."
Proverbs 12:14 Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards.
Romans 4:4 When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned.
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A Boss Should Not Lead By
Verse 9 - "Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them;"
A Boss Must Show Their
Verse 9 - "remember, you both have the same Master in heaven,"
Matthew 20:25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this work lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
A Boss Should Not Play
Verse 9 - "and he has no favorites."