

C. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ gives the ultimate job \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 7-8)

1. We can \_\_\_\_\_ things at work we do not like
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ from Him is more than a paycheck ( v 8)

## II. God Centered Employers (6:9)

A. Treat the \_\_\_\_\_ guy with \_\_\_\_\_

B. Use your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as little as possible

C. Know the Power of \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than the Example of \_\_\_\_\_

D. Don't forget who the real Labor Commissioner is!

Bondservants, 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 bondservants 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 bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, band 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 5: 6-9

a **WORTHY** life

# The Other 6 Days

## Ephesians 6:5-9

(This is the 10<sup>th</sup> in a series of messages entitled *The Worthy Life*)

With the unemployment rate in our country hovering over 10% (and higher depending on which part of the country), one wonders if attitudes toward work and the work place will have permanently been changed for better or for worse. Will bad morale, mistrust and a general malaise replace dedication, sacrifice and *esprit de corp*?

Even before the massive worldwide financial meltdown which saw unprecedented joblessness and job insecurity, many Americans had mixed views on work. On the one hand, we have a nation of workaholics. People working 60, 70, 80 hours a week out of a driving compulsion to “get ahead.” Another variation of the workaholic is one who idolizes work as the entire foundation for their significance and security in life.

On the other hand, we have a nation that worships pleasure and entertainment and comfort. We work our jobs only to get a paycheck. We live from the time we punch out till the time we punch back in again. Work is only an evil necessity that allows us to do the things we really want to do.

Every Monday millions of followers of Jesus Christ go to work without ever giving the slightest thought to what God thinks about what they do. Most of us will spend more time working than doing anything else in our lives. So how do you see your job? When we work, how are we supposed to do it, and are we called to give the minimum effort or are we to give more? More importantly does God have a purpose in mind for us as we spend 40-60 hours plus a week in the workplace?

**Idea:** Christianity isn't just for the pew. It's for the workplace as well. And if you allow Christ to be seen in your life from 8-5 Monday through Friday, then the people you work for and work with won't have such a hard time accepting what you claim to believe on Sunday.

## The Christian Worldview of Work

- A. God \_\_\_\_\_ man to \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Gen. 1:26)
- B. God \_\_\_\_\_ man a job to \_\_\_\_\_ for Him (Gen. 2:15)
  - 1. Through work God will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for us
  - 2. Therefore our work is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - 3. In addition it is our “\_\_\_\_\_”

### I. God Centered Employees (6:5-8)

- A. Be careful you don't ruin your ministry (vv 5-6)
  - 1. “\_\_\_\_\_ -service” is “\_\_\_ -service”
  - 2. “Man pleasing” isn't \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Work for your real \_\_\_\_\_! (v 7)