

## *Ephesians: Love & Submission at Work*

*Ephesians 6:5-9*

### **The Call to Work**

- Like marriage & family, God created us to work (Gen 2:15)
- Work is good
  - It being toilsome is the result of the Fall (Gen 3:17b)
- Like marriage, family, and every other aspect of human existence, God's plan in Christ involves redeeming our work

### **Servants/Employees (6:5-8)**

- Bondservant/Slave (*douloi*): One who is in service to another, whether forcibly or voluntarily
  - Modern equivalent: Employees
- Called to obey our employers as we do Christ
  - Showing them respect as those whom God has placed in authority over us
  - Serving with a sincere heart
    - This means:
      - Not doing the bare minimum
      - Not working hard only when they notice
- This is a matter of perspective
  - We must see our work as a ministry
  - We are serving Jesus, even as we are serving others (v. 8)
  - Our work should be done for the glory of God
    - We should look to Him to reward our labor

### **Masters/Bosses (6:5-9)**

- Master: One who has others in his service, whether forcibly or voluntarily
  - Modern equivalent: Employers/bosses
- Called to treat their employees like fellow servants of the Lord
  - Not being harsh
  - Showing no favoritism

### **So What?**

- Do we see our work as a ministry to both God and others?
- Are we serving others in love, regardless of our role?

**Meditation Verse:** *Ephesians 6:5, 9a*