

Making Application to Life:

- 5) How should this passage influence our attitude and actions in the work environment today?

- 6) What does God want for us as believers in a lost world to reflect through our work?

- 7) If a young person has not been taught how to work at home and hasn't been assigned chores to teach ownership in the family, how would you disciple him/her to God's way?

Was Slavery Ordained by God?

- 1) The New Testament never advocates rebellion from that position Eph. 6:6-8
- 2) Believers were directed to remain in the state in which they were saved 1 Cor. 7:20-24
- 3) One who is physically a slave is spiritually free 1 Cor. 7: 22
- 4) One who is physically free is Christ's slave 1 Cor. 7:22
- 5) We are slaves to each other for Christ's sake 2 Cor. 4:5
- 6) Slaves serve Christ as they serve their master Eph. 6:5-9
- 7) Slaves are warned to not subvert authority 1 Pet. 2:18
- 8) Slaves can have a great testimony for submission to harsh masters 1 Pet. 2:18-21
- 9) Slavery in America was wrong, because the origins of it violated Scripture.

Doctrine of Idleness, "Salute to the sluggard"

- 1) God gave Adam work in the Garden of Eden Gen. 2:15
- 2) God made the work difficult as a result of man's sin, including thorns and sweat Gen. 3:17-19
- 3) The ant is the model for those who are idle Pro. 6:6-11
- 4) Idleness leads to hunger Pro. 19:15
- 5) Idleness finds excuses for not working Pro. 20:4
- 6) Idleness results in poverty and shame Pro. 10:4,5
- 7) Idleness is a form of self-killing Pro. 20:25
- 8) Idleness is poor management of time and resources Pro. 24:30-34
- 9) Idleness is a source of the "have nots" Pro. 21:25; 13:4
- 10) Idleness is a cause for sinful fear Pro. 26:13
- 11) Idleness is a cause for arrogance Pro. 26:14-16
- 12) Idleness is a cause for poor stewardship of home Ecc. 10:18
- 13) Idleness provides no defense Is. 56:10
- 14) Idleness is prohibited of the Christian Rom. 12:11
- 15) Idleness should be rewarded with hunger 2 Thes. 3:10-12
- 16) Idleness is a spiritual sin Heb. 6:12

Training Your Replacements: Honor Your Boss for Jesus' Sake

1 Timothy 6:1-5

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Genesis 2:15

How should you work on your job?

1) Honor Your Supervisor like you would honor Jesus 6:1-2

- A bondservant is a _____ without _____

- A master is a _____ with _____

- Ex. 21:2, 26-27

- Acts 26:11; Rom. 2:24; 1 Tim. 1:13; Jam. 2:7; 1 Pet. 4:14; 2 Pet. 2:2; Tit. 2:5

- The master should be _____ 1 Pet. 3:8-10

- Eph. 6:5-9; 1 Pet. 2:18-21

2) Honor Jesus by withdrawing from contentiousness 6:3-5

- Phil. 2:14

Jesus is my Boss!
Work with excellence and without grumbling!

- Believers should do their work as if Christ was the boss. Spiritual equality does not set aside authority. God loves the believer in management as much as the labor. There is a tendency to take advantage of Christian management. Working for a believer should intensify production. No believer has the right to be late or have privileges not given to others. As a Christian, I should be the best employee. Brotherhood demands better service, not less.
- No matter how menial the job, it should be done with maximum efficiency. We have a tendency of comparison. Why can't I have what they have? Remember those with more (Christians) have greater responsibility and accountability. Always rejoice with what you have, because if you are not content with what you have, you will not be content with more.
- God sees every situation Heb. 4:13. Do your best.

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) What was your first work assignment like?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) Do people think work is good or bad? _____ Is work good or bad? _____ How would you help a young person understand that work is good? What passages of Scripture would you dig up to help them see God's way?
- 3) Is slavery permissible in Scripture? _____ What do the following passages teach about the master/slave relationship (Lev. 25:39-46; Deut. 24:18-22; Rom. 6:16-22)?
- 4) In 1 Peter 2:18-25, did Peter communicate that his audience should rebel against masters if they were slaves? _____ What did he communicate? What do we learn from Christ's example?