

## Faith works

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Ephesians 6:5~9

<sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

**v5. Faith works to change my** . . . . .

It is the Lord, Christ, whom you serve. Col.3:24

<sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

**v6. Faith works to change my** . . . . .

Win your manager's approval. Be seen to be successful. Eph.6:6

God modeled work. Genesis 2:2

God required us to work. Genesis 2:15

<sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

**v7. Faith works to change my** . . . . .

I desire to do Your will, O my God. Your law is within my heart. Psalm 40:8

**v8. Faith works to change my** . . . . .

Lamb's Book of Life. Rev.21:27, Rev.20:12

Books to judge actions. Rev.20:12

<sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.

**v9. Faith works to change my** . . . . .

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## My prayer priorities for this week

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### For personal reflection and discussion starters

1. What was your first "real" job, and what did you get paid?
2. Without naming him or her, have you ever worked for "the boss from Hell"? What were the characteristics of your worst bosses?
3. List the characteristics of your ideal manager.
4. Which characteristics of your ideal manager are also characteristics of Jesus? Which characteristics of your worst bosses also seem to be characteristics of Jesus?
5. Christians should work to win their manager's approval (v6a). How can you work at a highly effective level for a manager who fails to give approval; or how can you remain effective in a toxic (work, home church) location?
6. Management consultants know that money is not the only reward people want from their work. What else motivates people to work?
7. Jesus never promises to give us money in exchange for doing ministry so why do we serve Him?
8. List 3 ways in which your faith helps you in your workplace (or home, or church, or club, etc).