

**RENOVATE:  
WHAT WORKS AT WORK**

Ephesians 6:5 – 9  
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**MESSAGE NOTES**

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with **sincerity of heart**, just as you would obey Christ. — Ephesians 6:5*

1. Work respectfully — Attitude is key

*Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as **slaves of Christ**, doing the will of God from your heart. (6:6)*

2. Work honestly — Integrity matters

*Faith — rightly understood — is meant to be much more than a set of doctrines to which we intellectually assent. The divine invitation is not just to affirm an idea the way you affirm that  $2 + 2 = 4$ , but to live in a particular way. To allow what and who you believe in to shape and form the architecture of your entire life: moment by moment, day by day, decade by decade. — Michael Yankoski*

*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people. (6:7)*

3. Work for your supervisor (Jesus Christ) — Never work alone.

*Our job is to make the invisible God visible — to mirror and mimic what He is like to the world. We can glorify God by doing our work in such a way that we make the invisible God visible by what we do and how we do it. — John Mark Comer, *Garden City: Work, Rest, and the Art of Being Human**

*Because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. (6:8)*

4. Work positively — Remember: You're getting TWO paychecks.

*... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. — Matthew 5:16*

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. — 1 Peter 2:12*

*Work is a way of being in creative relationship with others. Such work can be done within the structure of any job, career or profession. As Christians do the jobs and tasks assigned to them in what the world calls work, we learn to pay attention to and practice what God is doing in love and justice, in helping and healing and liberating and cheering. — Eugene Petersen, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction**

*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 favoritism with Him. —(6:9)*

5. Work humbly — Ultimately we're all on the same rung in God's eyes.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was your overall take-away from ENCOUNTER this weekend? Read back over Ephesians 6:5 – 9.
- Why is our work such a crucial environment?
- There were five very clear strategies discussed for living out our faith at work. Which of these five presents a real challenge for you in your work environment and why is that so?
- Besides a typical job, what would be some other “work-like” environments where these five clearly apply?
- If there was one thing you could change about your work environment, what would that be?
- In what ways is God using your work to shape your character right now?
- How might God be using you to have a spiritual impact on the people you work with?
- We talked about “worshipping in our work.” How is that possible?
- Why is a “consciousness of God” so central to this whole discussion?
- Is there one way you could better live out your faith on the job this week?