

Restored Work – Ephesians 6:5-9

- I. Introduction – The Fascination of Work –
- a. When did it start? – Genesis 1:26-28; 2:8-15
 - b. Why is it hard? – Genesis 3:17-23
 - c. Where did slavery come from? – Genesis 9:25-27
 - d. Why didn't Jesus and NT just say, "Stop it!"?
 - i. Problem of Slavery –
 - ii. Modern Prevalence of Slavery – Proverbs 22:7
 - iii. 3 Reasons the New Testament doesn't just say "Stop it!"
 1. Pragmatic Reason -
 2. Gospel Established Equality – Galatians 3:28
 3. Focus of the New Testament is the Heart of Man –
- II. Scripture: Ephesians 6: 5Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; 6not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. 7With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. 9And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.
- III. Restored Work – Ephesians 6:5-9
- a. Responsibilities of the Employee: 2 Keys of being a successful worker:
 - i. Need to see _____ in your _____.
 - ii. Need to _____ your boss. (6:5) 4 Marks of an obedient worker:
 1. _____ - v. 5b; 2 Cor 7:17; 1 Cor 2:3; Phil 2:12
 2. Working _____ - v. 5b; Col 3:23; Eccl 9:10
 3. _____ - v. 6 – “adj. – (of a person) wishing to do what is right, especially to do one’s work or duty well and thoroughly.
 4. Willingly and _____ - v. 7; 5:28; 1 Cor 10:31
 - b. Responsibilities of the Employer: 3 Instructions:
 - i. Practice the _____ Rule – Matt 7:12
 - ii. Give up _____ - v. 9
 - iii. Know your employees are just as _____ to God as you.