

## The Umbrella of Business

**Colossians 3:22**

*Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:*



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**Introduction:** Our employer or "boss" represents God's delegated authority at work. We honor God in our work when we do our best for Jesus' sake. God is not pleased when we do our work in a careless and half-hearted way. He wants us to put our heart into our work. The Bible says,

The word "servant" here simply means an employee—one who is employed by another. The Bible tells us that employees are to be subject to their bosses, not only to those who are kind and gentle, but also to those who are hard to get along with. The Bible says,

**1 Peter 2:18** Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Concerning our jobs, God wants every believer to work as though he were working for the Lord Jesus.

A young man was having trouble holding his job. His attitude was not good and the quality of his work was such that his boss was displeased with him. One day his youth leader asked him this question, "Suppose Jesus Christ Himself was the manager of that store? Would that make a difference in the quality of your work?" He replied, "It sure would! I'd do my best all the time." The youth leader explained, "Do you know that God expects you to consider that you are actually working for the Lord Jesus on your job?" (Bill Gothard)

**Colossians 3:23-24** And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

The Bible says that bosses have a responsibility too. They are to be considerate of those who work for them, recognizing that they have a Master in heaven. The Bible says in **Ephesians 6:9** And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

## How To Get The Most Out Of Your Job

**Proverbs 10:16**

*The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.*

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. GET RIGHT WITH GOD

#### II. REALIZE THAT WORK IS ORDAINED OF GOD

#### III. BE SURE THAT YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT JOB

#### IV. KEEP IN MIND THE RIGHT PURPOSES OF WORK

- A. SUPPORT OURSELVES
- B. SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES
- C. SUPPORT OTHERS
- D. SUPPORT GOD'S WORK
- E. SUPPORT OUR WITNESS

#### V. KEEP IN VIEW THE REWARDS OF WORK WELL DONE

- A. REWARDED WITH A SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE
- B. REWARDED WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE
- C. REWARDED ETERNALLY FOR FAITHFULNESS