

What are God's Requirements from Me as an Employee?

Objective

To understand the acceptable behavior of Christians in the work place

References

- † Colossians 3:22-24,
- † Titus 2:9
- † 1 Peter 2:18
- † Acts 5:29
- † Proverbs 20:13
- † Ephesians 6:5-7
- † Genesis 30:27-31
- † Proverbs 22:29
- † Matthew 20:1-5
- † Luke 3:14
- † 1 Timothy 6:1
- † Dr. Charles Stanley – www.intouch.org

Scriptural Verse

“Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart as to Christ;” (Ephesians 6:5)

Lesson Outline

The faithful employee has the advantage of double pay: wages paid by the employer and a greater reward from God.

God's code of conduct for Christian employees runs counter to our society's, which has adopted the theme “my rights”.

Submit to authority

- † Yield to authority in a respectful manner not just trying to please superficially.
- † Labor must be sincere, doing your best whether you are observed or are alone.
- † Refrain from being argumentative even if you do not like the task required.
- † Submit with the proper spirit both to the gentle or harsh employer. Such response brings God's favor.
- † Do not, however, perform a task that conflicts with your conscience or violates your principles.

Do your Best

- † Carry out your responsibilities to the best of your abilities.
- † Put your whole heart into the tasks you perform.
- † Exercise wisdom and diligence in seeking God's best for your endeavors.
- † Focus on God's will in your life.
- † Do your work as if you were working for Christ.
- † Adopt a humble attitude when dealing with others.

Use Biblical Principles in Decision Making

- † Seek God's counsel in making decisions.
- † This comes by prayer and conformity to the biblical principles.
- † Have the courage to act and trust God.
- † If you fail, learn and trust that God will use your error in a positive way.

Consequences

- † Once you learn to submit to your leaders, then you are able to seek and accept a position of greater authority.
 - ❖ A higher authority should not be a cause for boasting, but rather an opportunity for greater service. That was the hallmark of Jesus, who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45).
 - ❖ The spiritual criterion for great rulers is to become effective servants.
- † You will find rich fulfillment without stress.
- † You will be successful.

Conclusion

We must remember God in everything we partake of and refrain from deviating away from Him. The workforce can provide a means by which we can practice His teachings and apply them to everyday life.

Activities/Discussion Points

Divide the class into smaller groups to discuss the following:

- † How do you deal with a difficult boss?
- † How do you deal with an injustice in the work environment?
- † How do you deal with a disrespectful colleague?
- † How can you show Christian behavior in the work place?