

## **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](http://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?