

# **Labor Relations to the Glory of God (1 Timothy 6:1-2b)**

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- <sup>1</sup>All who are under the yoke as slaves  
are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor  
so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against.
- <sup>2</sup>Those who have believers as their masters  
must not be disrespectful to them  
because they are brethren,  
but must serve them all the more,  
because those who partake of the benefit  
are believers  
and beloved.

1. General command to all employees:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ your boss

Two reasons:

(1) So \_\_\_\_\_ will not be discredited

(2) So \_\_\_\_\_ will not be discredited

2. Two specific commands to employees of Christians:

A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your Christian boss

One reason:

(1) Because he/she is a \_\_\_\_\_

B. Serve your Christian boss \_\_\_\_\_

Two reasons:

(1) Because he/she is a \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Because he/she is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Supporting Passages**

<sup>5</sup>Slaves, 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; <sup>6</sup>not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. <sup>7</sup>With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, <sup>8</sup>knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free (Ephesians 6:5-8).

<sup>22</sup>Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, <sup>24</sup>knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve (Colossians 3:22-24).

<sup>9</sup>Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, <sup>10</sup>not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect (Titus 2:9-10).

<sup>18</sup>Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. <sup>19</sup>For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. <sup>21</sup>For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:18-21).

## Workplace Principles

1. Believers are to serve their employers \_\_\_\_\_
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## Ethical Questions

### Review Questions

1. What sinful attitudes toward your boss will you confess to the Lord?
2. What sinful practices in your workplace will you stop?
3. What new attitudes will you put on in regards to work?
4. What new practices will you employ in the workplace?
5. How can you make your job more about the gospel?
6. How can you better approach work in a way that promotes the character of God?
7. What other areas of your life can be better oriented in order to promote the gospel of Christ, rather than discredit it?