

Introduction: “What’s in a Job Anyway?” – Five Paradigms

Paradigm # 1

Paradigm # 2

Paradigm # 3

Paradigm # 4

Paradigm # 5

How Can You Work For God Wherever You Work?

Four Principles from Ephesians 6:5-9

1. Christians are to obey and honor their supervisors as an act of worship to Christ.
(v. 5)

How?

- with fear and trembling
- with sincerity = singleness of heart
- as work done for Christ

Key Word = _____

2. Christians are to make pleasing God their goal, not impressing people at work.
(vv. 6-7)

How?

- as slaves to Christ
- doing God's will
- with good will

Key Word = _____

3. Christians can endure and excel even in difficult work situations because of the certainty of God's reward. (v. 8)

How?

- “knowing” with certainty
- trusting God's promise of reciprocity

Key Word = _____

4. Christian bosses and employers must treat employees with concern, respect, and fairness as they will be held accountable by God. (v. 9)

How?

- stop threatening and intimidating
- treat them as Christ would
- you share a common “Master”

Key Word = _____

Discussion/ Application Questions

1. What “view of work” most characterizes your thinking?
2. With which of the 4 principles did you most resonate? Why?
3. What kind of impact did Christian slaves have on the world in the 1st century through their work? How could your work become your primary ministry?
4. What would it look like for your work to become your primary platform for “doing God’s work?”
5. What changes in attitude, behavior, schedule, or priorities would have to happen for your work to be your primary ministry?

Additional Resources:

1. *Unlock Your Legacy* by Paul J. Meyer (book)
2. *Five Lies that Ruin Relationship* by Chip Ingram (CD series/DVD small group kit)
3. *Holy Ambition* by Chip Ingram (book/ CD series)
4. *Good to Great in God’s Eyes* by Chip Ingram (book/CD series)