



Group Discussion and Application

1. How have you seen a Christian's performance on the job bear witness to the love and power of Christ?
2. How have you observed Christianity slandered because of the poor conduct of a professing Christian on the job?
3. Suggest some specific, practical ways the relationships and conduct of believers should excel in the workplace.
4. What differences have you noticed between working for a Christian employer and an unbelieving boss?
5. What does it mean to do your work for the glory of God?
6. What difference does it make in our work to view the promotion of the gospel as more important than our own personal pleasure and benefit?
7. Though Paul does not condone slavery in his letters, neither does he condemn it overtly and call for its immediate abolition. Why?
8. Paul does not give instruction to masters in today's text. He does, however, give instruction to masters in some of his other letters (Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1; Philemon). What instruction does he give to masters?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What is your own attitude toward your work? Your employer?
2. What difference should this passage make in the way you relate to your boss and the way you do your work?
3. What specific changes will you make in your work this week in response to today's study?



Family Homework

1. Explain how the way we do our work and relate to other people can be a witness to the gospel. Give some specific examples.
2. Discuss some of your specific tasks. What changes might you make in the way you do these to bear clearer witness for Christ?



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GUIDE

All in a Day's Work

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Paul issues three important reminders to Christian slaves in Ephesus.

The Christian slave must remember...

1 he is _____.

2 his slavery is a means _____.

3 his slavery is a means _____.