

## GOSPEL-EMPOWERED WORK

### 1 Peter 2:18-25

**Big Idea:** *God longs for our work and business to be a beacon of bold witness.*

#### 1. God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ submission and respect toward our employers.

<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.”

1 Peter 2:12 “Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

Ephesians 6:5-8 “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.”

#### 2. God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ submission and respect toward our employers.

##### A.) Motive #1: Submission is \_\_\_\_\_ .

<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.”

##### B.) Motive #2: Submission is \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>21a</sup> “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you. . . .”

##### C.) Motive #3: Submission \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>21b</sup> “ . . . leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”

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