

Serve Christ by Serving Others

Scripture

“Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether [he is] a slave or free. And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.” (Eph 6:5-9 NKJV)

Devotion

The passage talks about eye-service which refers to a slave only working when the eye of the master is upon him. If his taskmaster leaves him alone he immediately stops working for he works only because he forced to work. God calls all of his children, whether a slave or a master, to be true servants, sincere servants.

This is accomplished by rendering service to others as if you are serving Christ Himself. Christ explains this principle when he speaks of the judgment.

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ‘for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ‘I [was] naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed [You], or thirsty and give [You] drink? ‘When did we see You a stranger and take [You] in, or naked and clothe [You]? ‘Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ "And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did [it] to one of the least of these My brethren, you did [it] to Me.’” (Mt 25:34-40 NKJV)

As difficult as it is to battle the slothful and selfish desires of the flesh, it is required as a servant of Christ to do so. Of course, you “. . . must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Heb 11:6 NKJV) Faith is required for success.

It takes faith to serve an abusive boss. It takes faith to be a good and fair boss. However, the rewards are worth it. The above passage says anyone who serves as if they serve the Lord will receive the same from the Lord. I am not sure what all that entails, but I know the Scriptures assure me that He is impartial. There will be no short-changes in heaven. Whatever we sow, we will reap. So think about that as you go about your business today. Servants don’t give eye-service, and bosses give up threatening, or governing by fear.