

## GOT TO GET A NEW BOSS

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Living Out Our Inheritance In Christ, Part 30

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**MAIN IDEA:** Your work matters to God... who you are, how you work and the attitudes that drive them. God calls us as students, employees, athletes, bosses, teachers and coaches, not matter what the job, to work with a higher mindset for a Higher Master.

Employer/Employee; Teacher/Student; Coach/Athlete.  
All *Authority* relationships...

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. **Ephesians 6:5**

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### 1. **Serve/Work the same way you SERVE JESUS.** (5)

***With respect and trembling*** (fear)

David has a brutal boss (1 Sam.ch. 16-24; 20:34; 22:14)

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God... For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. **Romans 13:1,4** (Jer. 27:6; 43:10)

***From the heart, with sincerity***

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

**Ephesians 6:6**

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### 2. **Serve/Work from the RIGHT MOTIVES.** (6)

All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. **Proverbs 16:2**

***Not just when their eyes are on you***

***Not just as people-pleasers***

***Like Slaves for Christ...***

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. **1 Peter 2:16**

Serve wholeheartedly [with benevolence, good will, pleasure], as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward [this he will receive back] each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. **Ephesians 6:7-8**

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### 3. **Ultimately & practically, you have a NEW BOSS: JESUS!** (7)

***Serve/work enthusiastically, and with pleasure, cheerfully***

Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.' **Matthew 25:40** Message

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters **Colossians 3:23**

### 4. **Serve/work because God will REWARD YOU.** (8)

***After this life*** (Matt. 5-6; Luke 6:23)

***In this life*** (Mark 10:28-30)

...since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**Colossians 3:24**

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him. **Ephesians 6:9**

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### 5. **Lead/treat them as you would TREAT JESUS!** (9)

Lead as one UNDER CHRIST'S AUTHORITY

Lead with the RIGHT MOTIVES

Lead with your eye on YOUR MASTER: JESUS

Lead with an eye on the REWARD HE GIVES.

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. **Colossians 4:1** ESV

### 6. **Treat them with MERCY and PATIENCE.**