

# What's Motivating Your Work?

Ephesians 6:5-9

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## A word about slavery in Ephesus

- Slavery affected every household.
- Slavery was not comparable to historical slavery in the America's.
- They could own property
- They could become citizens
- They rarely died as slaves
- Biblical truth would eventually end slavery.
- Churches had both slaves & masters.

## I. What do I do about my boss? 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; Not by way of eye service, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.”*

A. Give them REVERENT OBEDIENCE – 6:5

B. Give them MOTIVATED DEVOTION – 6:5-7

## C. Work for the sake of your BOSS – 6:7-8

### II. What if I'm the boss? 6:9

*“And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”*

A. Let Christ change your motivation.

B. Let Christ check your actions.

C. Let Christ challenge your perception.