

Lunch Bucket Christians

Serving God in the Workplace

1 Timothy 6:1-2

GETTING STARTED:

Roman Slaves - Radical Christianity

1 Timothy 6:1-2/ Galatians 3:26-29

THE SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT JOB

Genesis 3:17-19

- ☒ It probably doesn't exist.
- ☒ It's Adam's fault!

IF YOUR BOSS IS A JERK 1 Timothy 6:1

Respect & Obey Anyway Because. . .

- ❶ It makes God look good.
Titus 2:9-10 & 2 Corinthians 5:20
- ❷ It will save your neck!
Proverbs 16:14 & Proverbs 20:2-3
- ❸ It's the best way to get ahead.
Proverbs 27:18/ Daniel 1
- ❹ It's what God says to do.
1 Timothy 6:1/ 1 Peter 2:18-21/ Proverbs 3:5-6 & Proverbs 16:25

IF YOUR BOSS IS A BELIEVER 1 Timothy 6:2

- ☒ Never take advantage of the relationship.

WHEN WORK ISN'T WORKING OUT

Two Key Questions

- ❶ Am I being asked to do anything unethical?
Daniel 1 & 6/ 2 Timothy 3:12
 - ☒ If Yes: Obey God, not man – accept the consequences.
 - ☒ If No: Obey the boss.
- ❷ Can I quit?
1 Corinthians 7:17 & 21-24/ Psalm 15:1-4/ Philippians 4:11-13
 - ☒ If Yes: Move on.
 - ☒ If No: Make the most of it.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of September 17, 2006

Welcome to the Fall quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Growth Group quarter. Your first meeting will include a potluck dinner, time to get acquainted, as well as time to discuss your Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish this.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to pursue a deeper relationship with God and each other.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you had to eat one meal a day at the same restaurant and two meals a day at the same fast food chain for 30 days, which restaurant and fast food chain would you choose and why?
2. Describe one of your earliest paying jobs. How did it go and how did you get involved in it?
3. What do you personally hope to get out of your Growth Group this quarter?

SERVING GOD IN THE WORKPLACE

1. Looking back over your sermon notes, which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention regarding "Lunch Bucket Christians"?

2. Ephesians 6:5-8 is another biblical passage that deals with principles that can be related to an employee/employer relationship. What do these verses say about the attitude and actions of that relationship?

Ephesians 6:5-8

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. [6] Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. [7] Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, [8] because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. [NIV]

Which of these attitudes and actions do you find hardest to exhibit?

What challenges do you face in consistently exhibiting them?

3. Larry covered two questions to ask when work isn't working out. Is there a time in your job history when you have had to ask one or both of those questions? If so, what was the result of how you answered the question?