

Sermon Notes for April 2, 2006

Morning: "Take This Job . . . And Love It!" Ephesians 6:5-9

Spirituality in a Christian's life means every day living is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ . . . even your job or daily tasks! A healthy Christian life sees God at work actively in the work place job on Monday morning just as much as in a worship service on Sunday morning!

- I. God's **Interest** in the workplace— The Lord is vitally **interested** in your job and your daily work load! All of your life is holy unto the Lord! "Bondservants (slaves, servants, employees) be obedient to those who are your masters (employers)." Ephesians 6:5
- II. God's **Instructions** for employees— The Lord has clear spiritual guidance for a healthy Christian life in your workplace. "Be submissive to your masters (employers). Ephesians 6:5
 - Your job is a serious Christian **duty**. "Be obedient to your masters (employers) according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness (sincerity) of heart, **as unto Christ** not with eyeservice (when their eye is on you) as men pleasers." Ephesians 6:5
 - Your ultimate Master/Employer is **the Lord Jesus Christ**. "As unto **Christ** . . . but as the servants of **Christ** . . . as to the **Lord**." Ephesians 6:6-7
 - When you do a good job, you are fulfilling the **will of God**. "Doing the **will of God** from the heart." Ephesians 6:6
 - When you do a good job, you are fulfilling **ministry** for God. "With good will doing **service (ministry)** as to the Lord and not to men." Ephesians 6:7
- III. God's **Inspection** of our leadership— The Lord takes our job seriously, and so should we! We will give account of our daily tasks, our words, attitude, and faithfulness. "Knowing that your Master is in Heaven, neither is there respect of persons with Him." Ephesians 6:9
 - When you do a good job, you will be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ. "Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same reward from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." Ephesians 6:8

So, take your job . . . and **love** it. Your job can be a great blessing to you and a testimony to the power and love of Jesus Christ!

- IV. **Inheritance**— There is more beyond this life and your job! Our heavenly inheritance is ahead, so look up!

"In Heaven"

Jesus said, "I have **finished** the work which You gave Me to do." Johns 17:4

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar (on the Cross), He said, '**It is finished!**' and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." John 19:30

"I have fought a good fight, **I have finished** the course. I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

"His lord said to him, '**Well done**, good and faithful servant; you were **faithful** over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'" Matthew 25:21