

The Book of 1 Peter God's Plan...At Work!

1 Peter 2:18-25

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Bottom Line:

For many Christians, the most challenging place in which to live out their faith is not the church but the workplace. Thankfully, God's Word gives us a godly strategy for living out our faith in positive and negative work environments.

Intro: "Servants, be subject..." (v. 18). What should we know about the role of servants (slaves) in respect to Biblical teaching?

The Bible never establishes slavery as a God-ordained institution, never commands Christians to enslave others, and never presents slavery as part of the created order. Instead, it addresses people already trapped within an existing system, offering guidance on how to live faithfully as Christians under unjust conditions while simultaneously sowing the moral and spiritual seeds that would ultimately undermine slavery itself.

1. Work under authority...knowing God is the supreme authority and giver of all authority!

1 Peter 2:18-20; Ephesians 6:5-9

A. Christians Recognize Workplace Authority as Ultimately Answerable to God!

- The phrase "with all respect" reflects the Greek "phobos", often translated "fear,"
- Christian submission at work is therefore God-centered, not boss-centered.

Ephesians 6:5-7

"Work as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

B. Christians Maintain Respect Even Under Difficult or Unjust Leadership

- The Greek "skolios" = "crooked."
Some authority figures are morally twisted, unfair, or harsh.
- Christians are tempted to justify disrespect & negativity under flawed leaders. Respect becomes a testimony—not of the leader's worthiness, but of the believer's trust in God.

2. Endure workplace injustice with Christlike character! 1 Peter 2:19-23; Col. 3:22-4:1

3. Approach your work as a testimony for Christ who has changed you! 1 Peter 2:24-25

Biblical "organizational chart":



Now what?

Work:

- ***Heartily (as unto the Lord)***
- ***Faithfully (as a testimony for the Lord)***
- ***Purposefully (as part of building God's kingdom)***
- ***Worshipfully (as you give glory to God)***