

²² Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

⁴ Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom towards outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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BE THINKING Making work work

- 'Only one life, twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last'
(C.T. Studd)

Work is a GIFT

- creation pattern
- common pitfalls
 - o fulltime fallacy
 - o caring confusion
 - o partitioned perspective

Work is not GOD

- centre circle
- crazy culture

Work is a GRIND

- cursed blessing

Work is a GODLINESS challenge

- being godly at work

Work is a GOSPEL opportunity

- sharing the gospel at work

Questions for reflection & discussion:

- *Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard? Which of the 5Gs about work do you find most encouraging / challenging?*