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Employee Responsibilities

The Eternal Value of Work—part 4

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Be responsive to authority: Submit, be subject.

*Titus 2:9 Teach slaves **to be subject** to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them,¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, ...*

“Be subject” -

The opposite of being subject is seen in two ways:

“Hairetikos” -

“Schisma” -

What motivations are there to submit to the boss?

Titus 2:9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them,¹⁰ and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

What if I have a harsh or unjust boss?

1 Peter 2:18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

*1 Peter 2:19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.
²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.*

1 Peter 2:21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Respect the boss

1 Timothy 6:1 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.

■ “Ti-me” – ■

“Full respect” –

Whole-Hearted

“Obey” the boss

Ephesians 6:5 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.

■ “Obey” - “Hupakouo” – ■
