

Redemptive Workplace Relations

*"And you masters, do the same things to them,"
Ephesians 6:1*

- I. The Bible does not categorically condemn or condone SLAVERY.
 - a. People became SLAVES because of birth, war, or crime, but not race.
 - b. 15% to 30% of all ROMANS were slaves.
 - c. Hebrews released slaves after SIX years of service.
 - d. Hebrews were to give run-away slaves SANCTUARY. Dt 23:15-16
 - e. Christian faith is directly responsible for the ABOLITION of slavery throughout history.
 - f. Paul directs a runaway slave to return to his master and for the master to treat him as a BROTHER.
 - g. Christians gladly referred to themselves as slaves of CHRIST. 1 Cor 7:20-24

- II. The IDEAL Christian employee (ICEE) vs. 5-8
 - a. The ICEE RESPECTS both believing and unbelieving bosses.
 - b. The ICEE works WHOLEHEARTEDLY as for Christ.
 - c. The ICEE seeks to do GOOD in every context.
 - d. The ICEE can expect REWARDS.

- III. The IDEAL Christian employer (ICER) v. 9
 - a. The ICER follows the GOLDEN Rule.
 - b. The ICER gives employees room to WORK.
 - c. The ICER treats employees IMPARTIALLY.

APPLICATION: Spirit-filled believers should have a REDEMPTIVE influence in the workplace.