



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 11/6/2022  
DISCUSSION DATE: 11/13/2022  
TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:5-9

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## **DO YOUR WORK UNTO THE LORD**

### **I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LABORER (vss. 5-9)**

- A. Be submissive in your work (vs. 5)
- B. Be sincere (vs. 5)
- C. Be a servant under the watch of God (vss. 6-7)
- D. Be seeking the Lord for approval and reward (vs. 8)

### **II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MANAGER (vs. 9)**

- A. Be gentle (vs. 9a)
- B. Be good and just to all (vs. 9b)

## **FOR CONFERENCING**

1. **Read Ephesians 5:21.** This verse is a transitional verse that Paul then applies to 3 relationships: husband & wife, parent & child, and employee & employer. Describe what mutual submission might “look like” in work relationships:
  
2. **Read Ephesians 6:5-9.** Apparently, there were slaves in the church of Ephesus. How might Paul’s instructions be particularly hard for them? **Read I Corinthians 6:19-20.** To whom are we (believers) servants? How might an understanding of that help us in relating to God and others? In what way was Christ a servant? What lessons can we learn from that?
  
3. **Read again Ephesians 6:5-9 and include verse 10.** What would be some modern-day applications of this passage?
  
4. **Read vs. 5.** Contextually, what does Paul mean by “be obedient...with fear and trembling?” And, what does he mean by “in sincerity of heart, as to Christ?” What then is to be the single concentration of life for the believer?
  
5. **Read vss. 6-7.** How should the Christian servant view his work? Ultimately, for whom is he working? What should be his attitude toward his employer and his work?
  
6. **Read vs. 8.** What promise and assurance does Paul give to the Christian servant?
  
7. **Read vs. 9.** What instruction does the apostle give to Christian employers?
  
8. With that biblical basis, discuss proper ways to be a good employee or manager. What are legitimate ways to work to benefit your company or organization, and to have the approval of your supervisors? In what ways do we fall into the trap of solely being motivated as a man-pleaser? How might “man-pleasing” cause a disgruntled attitude at work?