

## Thursday

- Ephesians 6:5 says we are to obey with a sincere heart, and we are to obey Christ with a sincere heart. How can our attitude affect our work at a job and our work for Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- Eph 6:7 indicates we are to do our work as if we are doing it for Christ and that God will reward us for this kind of work. How could you do your job in a way that is honoring to God and how do you think he rewards us?

## Friday

- If you are a boss-type where you work, verse 9 says that you are to treat your employees in the same manner as they work for you. How would that look for you in your line of work?
- We are all accountable to God, even for the ways in which we perform our jobs. At this point in time, would God be pleased?

## Saturday

- Some things to discuss as a family
  - How should we do our work around the home?
  - How can family life prepare a child for the workplace?
  - How do you bring glory to God even when you are doing mundane tasks around the house or at your job?

### Bible Reading Plan

- Sunday: Jeremiah 46  Monday: Jeremiah 47
- Tuesday: Jeremiah 48  Wednesday: Jeremiah 49
- Thursday: Jeremiah 50  Friday: Jeremiah 51
- Saturday: Jeremiah 52  Sunday: 2 Peter 1



*In the Workplace*  
Ephesians 6:5-9

Ephesians 6:5-9 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, <sup>8</sup>because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. <sup>9</sup>And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in Heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.

### Modern-day Corollary: Employees and Supervisors

#### *Employees:*

1. Know \_\_\_\_\_ your boss is (*verse 5*)
2. Know \_\_\_\_\_ you are working (*verse 6*)
3. Know that \_\_\_\_\_ you do matters (*verses 7-8*)

#### *Supervisors:*

4. Know \_\_\_\_\_ to treat the people who work under you (*verse 9a*)
5. Know \_\_\_\_\_ your authority comes from (*verse 9b*)

## Application

1. Work comes from \_\_\_\_\_
  - There was work before sin *Genesis 2:15*
  - Work became harder after sin *Genesis 3:17-19a*
  - God has promised to supply our needs *Philippians 4:7, 4:19, Matthew 6:31-33, Philippians 4:12*
  - God gives to different people differently *Matthew 25:14-15*
2. Your work is for \_\_\_\_\_
  - God provides it
  - God wants you to care for the needs of your family *1 Timothy 5:8*
  - Be thankful for your job *Ecclesiastes 5:19*
  - Don't gripe *Ecclesiastes 10:20*
  - Be under authority *Romans 13:2*
  - Dealing with bad bosses *1 Samuel 26:7-11a*
3. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ in your work life
  - Don't be lazy *Proverbs 10:4, Colossians 3:23*
  - Don't be a workaholic *Ecclesiastes 2:21*
4. With \_\_\_\_\_ comes \_\_\_\_\_
  - God views authority upside down from how we view it *Mark 9:35b, Mark 10:42b-43*
  - God holds leaders to a higher standard *Luke 12:48b*
  - Since authority is granted by God, use it in a way that pleases God *Romans 13:1*
  - Responsibility without authority = abuse
5. You can't separate your \_\_\_\_\_ life from your \_\_\_\_\_ life

### Brother's Keeper Thought:

Share with your spiritual partner how you are doing with working as if you are working for God Himself.  
Is there a specific area where you need to improve?  
Discuss how you could more fully invite God into your work.

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# Family Discussion Guide

Use this guide as a resource in guiding discussions about "Living Under the Influence" with your family this coming week.

## Ephesians 6:5-9

### Monday

- Mom and Dad and Children (if applicable)
  - Tell your family about your job
    - Work environment
    - What are your responsibilities where you work?
    - What you like about your boss/es as well as what you don't like about your boss/es and how you deal with those things you don't like.
    - Have you ever had to perform a job you don't like?
    - How should we react when a boss asks us to do something we don't like?
    - What should we do if our boss asks us to do something unethical?
    - Are there any temptations at your workplace to do the wrong thing?
    - What type of things could get you fired from your job?

### Tuesday

- Read Romans 13:1-2 and discuss the consequences of disobeying authorities (parents, teachers, coaches, bosses, etc...)
- Based on Eph 6:5 our obedience to our bosses is to be accompanied by fear. Within our jobs we fear losing our job or the consequences of screwing up on the job. Proverbs 1:7 talks about fearing the Lord. Read it and discuss how fearing the Lord affects your life and how it relates to your earthly job.

### Wednesday

- What would be the consequences for caring more about making your boss happy than caring about honoring God first in your work?
- Romans 6:17-18 talks about being a slave in another sense of the word. Read it and discuss which type of slave God wants us to be.