# HIS WORK, OUR JOY: LIVING OUR CALLINGS AT WORK

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**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 as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. **7** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, **8** because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. **9** 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. Ephesians 6:5-9

##### Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. Where do we first learn about work?

##### Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” How does learning that God created your specific purpose of helper demonstrate itself in your life?

##### Ephesians 2:10

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

Think about this passage in the context of your individual specificity of purpose.

Context of the writing

In relationship of Paul’s other writings:

In the relationship with the rest of Ephesians:

How are we supposed to do this work?

OBEY

RESPECT

WITH FEAR

SINCERITY OF HEART

WHOLEHEARTEDLY

NOT ONLY WHEN THEIR EYE IS ON YOU

If we think of all of this work and who is the true Master, how does that change my attitude?

What are blessings that supervisor can share with those they supervise?

There is a unity between these positions.

SERVING THE LORD

AS SLAVES TO CHRIST

DOING THE WILL OF GOD FROM THE HEART

OUR MASTER

Exodus 4

John 13:1-17

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