

# Steadfast in the marketplace and business

Study: Ephesians 6:5-9

- What is the relationship between the slave & Christ? And what is the relationship between the master & Christ?
- What has happened to bring about this equality (Eph. 2)?
- How should the Christian slave serve the master? How does this compare with how employees often work?
- How should the Christian master treat their slave? How does this compare with how employers often manage their staff?
- What are the practical ways this should change how we relate to people now (in our placements) and in the future (in the office, in business or in the church)?

## Relationships are key

Work is God-given

All work can be ministry – serving the Lord and serving others

Integrate work and faith – one life – not compartments – from the heart

Starting at a new workplace:

- Introduce yourself as a Christian
- Find a fellowship local to the workplace
- Identify a place in the workplace you can sneak away to pray alone
- Work to a high standard, be professional but also...
- Serve others in the workplace – be excellent in love and mercy
- Where possible have a workplace fellowship with other believers – encourage, pray with, counsel one another
- Take opportunities to share the gospel
- Take initiative in asking your church or fellowship group to pray with you about your struggles in integrating work and faith

Resist being conformed to the patterns of this world – worship of money, career, education, ethical issues (see [John Wyatt, \*Matters of Life and Death\*, IVP, 2009](#))

Remember – [\(1\) Maker; \(2\) Mate; \(3\) Mission](#)

[Rest](#) – don't bury yourself in your career

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