



The Purpose of Work

Ephesians 6:5–9 offers a radical reframing of work for followers of Jesus. Paul speaks directly into the everyday world of labor, whether ancient slavery or modern workplaces, to remind believers that their true Master is Christ. The passage insists that work is more than a task or a job description; it is a divine calling carried out before the eyes of God. When we see our work as service to Christ, even ordinary or difficult roles take on deep spiritual meaning. Ultimately, Paul invites us to approach all we do with sincerity, integrity, and wholehearted worship.

- What was your very first job growing up, and what did it teach you about work?
- Read Ephesians 6:5–9. Paul repeats the idea that believers serve the Lord, not people. What does this reveal about how followers of Jesus view the true purpose of their work?
- How does Paul challenge both workers (slaves) and those in authority (masters) to rethink power, status, and motivation?
- What stands out to you about Paul emphasizing sincerity of heart, wholehearted service, and inner motivation rather than merely being noticed?
- How does seeing your daily responsibilities, paid or unpaid, as service to Christ reshape how you approach them?
- What would it look like for you to serve wholeheartedly in your current season of life, even if your role feels routine, stressful, or unnoticed?
- Where are you tempted to work for approval, recognition, or results, and how might God be inviting you into freedom and faithfulness instead?

Praying together

Commission each person in your small group. Pray over each person with their specific role in this season of life.

