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TITLE: Don’t Be Normal

According to Gallup, roughly 15% of the workforce is aggressively disengaged at work. What does that mean? It means that roughly 15% of the people in your office, company, or even retirement villa are working against the goals of the organization. This percent can even include Christian employees. But it shouldn’t.

Why should you do your best at work? Why should you treat your employer with respect? Why should you help and not harm your organization? Paul has the answer in Colossians 3:22-25.

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.”

Okay, I’ll just address the elephant in the room. Slavery. In 2021, we are still talking about it. Should we? That is a topic for a different day. Suffice it to say, Jesus didn’t come as a social justice warrior. His goal was not to set the slaves free but to make dead people live.

So rather than aim to abolish the social injustice of slavery, Paul says, slaves, obey your masters. Do everything as if you’re doing it for the Lord. Why? Because you are! Why should they do this? Because all Christians are slaves of Christ. He saved us on purpose and for a purpose: to glorify Him through our loving service.

When we obey God, there are heavenly and sometimes earthly rewards. When we disobey God, there are natural consequences. But those shouldn’t be our motivation for doing our best for God in the workplace. Our motivation is love for our King. So thankfully, we aren’t participating in slavery today. So the way to can live this out is in the workplace, in service, and even in everything we do.

So here’s my challenge for you today: live each moment in joyful service to our King. It’s an honor to serve King Jesus in all areas of our lives. So regardless if your boss is a jerk or your job drives you nuts, you can do it for God’s glory. But before you do that, put in the comments below where this is a struggle for you. We’d like to encourage you as you aim to win the day all for God’s glory. When we do our best for our King, we will win the day.