

# WHO'S YOUR REAL BOSS?

Labor Day Sunday

September 1, 2013

**Colossians 3:22-24 (NIV)** "Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

God is your **REAL BOSS**.

Whoever supervises you is not your real boss.  
He or she is only a delegate of your real boss.

**YOUR ATTITUDE CAN REVOLUTIONIZE  
THE WORKPLACE...**

- When you work with **INTEGRITY**.

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Integrity allows us to **PRE-DETERMINE** our actions and responses regardless of the circumstances involved.

**1 Corinthians 16:13 (NLT)** "Be on guard. Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong."

- When you work **DILIGENTLY** every day.

**Colossians 3:23 (NIV)** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

**Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)** "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..."

- When you work with **SINCERITY** of heart.

**Ephesians 6:5-7 (NIV)** "Slaves, obey your 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 people..."

**The most humble service can be glorified and dignified by doing it with "sincerity of heart" for the Lord.**

- When you work for an **ETERNAL** reward.

**Colossians 3:24 (NIV)** "Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

**Ephesians 6:8 (NIV)** "Because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free."

**Your workplace is an extension of your mission and ministry as a follower of Jesus!**

**How we work and the attitude we display in our work, will reflect well or poorly upon Jesus.**

**The attitude of Daniel made a difference...**

**Daniel 6:20 (NIV)** "When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, 'Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?' "

**Do your co-workers know and see that you serve your God continually?**

**Philippians 1:27 (NLT)** "Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ..."