

RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK: WORKING ALONGSIDE YOUR BOSS AND CO-WORKERS

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Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT) ¹"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ²For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) ⁷For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NLT) ⁴Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. ⁶Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 7:12 (NLT) ¹²"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Proverbs 22:29 (NIV) ²⁹Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

1 Timothy 6:1-2 (NLT) ¹All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching. ²If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved. Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them.

An Important Foundational Principle:

Improving your workplace relationships _____

(See Matthew 7:1-5)

Four Principles For Improving Your Workplace Relationships:

1) You need to have a _____.

✓ See Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) and Philippians 4:4-9

2) You need to _____ to others.

✓ See Matthew 7:12, Proverbs 22:29, 1 Timothy 6:1-2; Ephesians 6:5-9, 1 Peter 2:17-19, and Philemon



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Ephesians 6:5-9 (NLT) ⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. ⁶Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. ⁷Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ⁸Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. ⁹Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

1 Peter 2:17-19 (NLT) ¹⁷Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king. ¹⁸You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. ¹⁹For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) ²⁹Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Colossians 3:22-4:1 (NLT) ²²Slaves, 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. ²³Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ²⁵But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. ¹Masters, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT) ⁵Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Ephesians 4:29-32 (NLT) ²⁹Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

3) You need to work hard at _____.

- ✓ See Ephesians 4:29

4) You need to live out your _____ in the workplace the right way.

- ✓ See Colossians 3:22-4:1, Ephesians 6:5-9, Colossians 4:5-6, and Ephesians 4:29-32

As a result of today's sermon, I will...

How to Begin a Relationship with Jesus

Believe that Jesus is who He said He was, that He came and died on the cross, and that He arose from the dead three days later.

Acknowledge your sins and ask God to forgive you.

Submit yourself to follow God's teachings for life.

Express your desire to have this kind of relationship to God.

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