



## W2s & Other Formalities

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**Work is a GOD-GIVEN responsibility.**

<sup>15</sup>*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.* Genesis 2:15

**Man's job was to worship & obey God in the context of his labor.**

### WORKERS - OBEY

<sup>5</sup>*Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart as you would Christ <sup>6</sup>not with eye service – as people-pleasers – but as slaves of Christ doing the will of God from the heart.* Ephesians 6:5-6

<sup>22</sup>*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only when they are watching – like those who are strictly people-pleasers – but with a sincere heart, fearing the Lord.* Colossians 3:22

- Slaves are addressed as full members of the Christian community.
- We hold different positions or roles but they do not diminish our place of value in the body of Christ.

<sup>7</sup>*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,*

<sup>8</sup>*because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.* Ephesians 6:7

<sup>25</sup>*For the one who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there are no exceptions.* Colossians 3:25

### MASTERS – HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE

<sup>9</sup>*Masters, treat your slaves the same way, giving up the use of threats, because you know that both you and they have the same master in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.* Ephesians 6:9

<sup>1</sup>*Masters, treat your slaves with justice and fairness, because you know that you also have a master in heaven.* Colossians 4:1

### WORKERS & BOSSES

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.* Ephesians 5:21

### COMMANDS

#### WORKERS – OBEY

- with fear & trembling
- in the sincerity of your heart (the whole soul)
- as slaves of Christ
- NOT to catch their eye
- with wholeheartedness (enthusiasm)
- in everything (Col 3)

#### WORKERS – have the same attitude

- abandoning the use of threats
- as slaves of Christ
- be “master” with justice & fairness (Col 4)

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### LOVE DARE

**Bosses:** Find one way to express your appreciation for the work your staff does.

**Workers:** Find one way to honor your boss – without looking for any return

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