

Christian Workers: Transformed Behavior

Ephesians 6:6b-8
Message

Workers, manifest transformed
behavior in your work

5-8

Distinctly Christian instructions for slaves [workers]

Transformed character (5-6b)

Transformed behavior (6c-8)

Doing

Serving

Knowing

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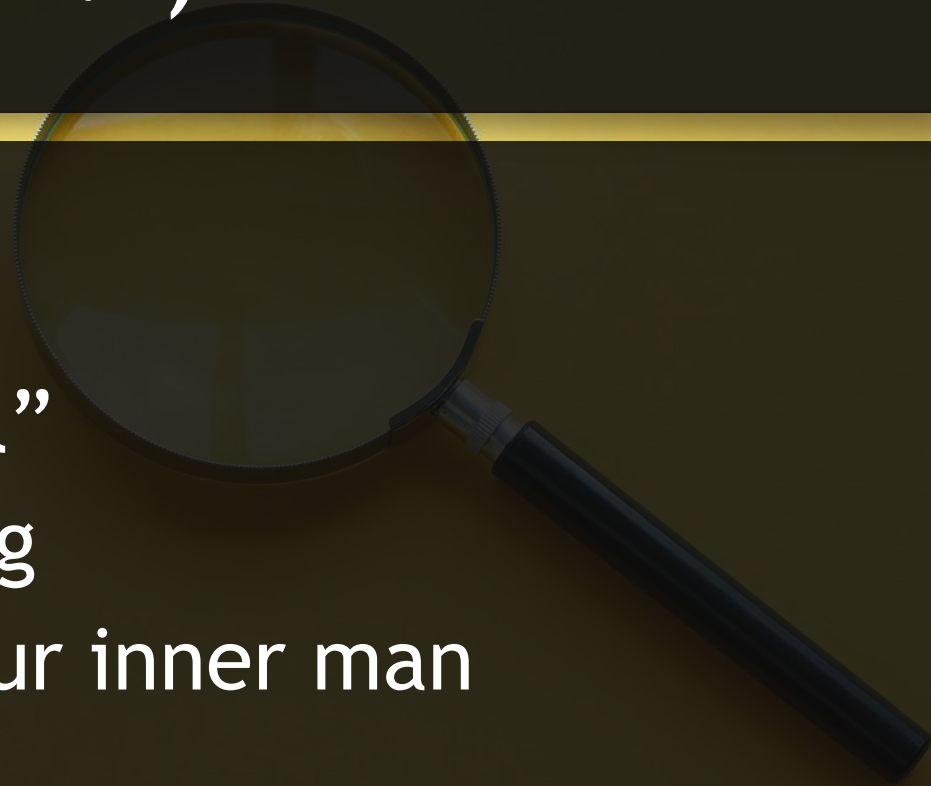


Will of God: the precepts to live by that please Him as found in the Bible

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“From the heart” (Eph 6:6)

- Lit., “from out of the soul”
- From your innermost being
- A total commitment in your inner man



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Serving: to be a slave, to serve

Good will: loyalty, seek to do them good

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Serving...as to the Lord (Eph 6:7)

Serve the Lord, your “greatest ambition in life, [your] most central motive”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Life In The Spirit In Marriage, Home and Work*,
p. 362

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Principles for godly behavior in work

Work	Work as a slave who belongs to Christ
Obey	Obey from a total commitment in your inner man
Be faithful	Be faithful to your earthly manager and do good to them in your work
Serve	Serve your earthly manager like you would serve the Lord
Know	Rest knowing that Jesus will reward you

Why didn't the Bible condemn slavery? It has a supernatural perspective!

God is focused on transforming sinners through the Gospel, not reforming society through social programs

God is focused on building His kingdom

These instructions are addressed to believers, not unbelievers

The NT has separated government and Church

The Church will have an impact on society, one transformed life at a time

The Church's focus

“As a Christian I am not primarily interested in Western civilization, I am interested in the Kingdom of God”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Life In The Spirit In Marriage, Home and Work*,
p. 323

The NT's distinction

The Church “has her relationship to the State, but is no longer one with the State. It is vital that we should observe this distinction”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Life In The Spirit In Marriage, Home and Work*,
p. 318

Church's impact on society

“Christianity’s emphasis has always been on the transformation of individuals who will in turn influence society, not the transformation of society which will then transform individuals (1 Cor 1:18-2:16)”

Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 804