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Ephesians 6: The Theology of Work: Glorifying God through our work.
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- **God designed work.**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

*Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it and keep it.***

- **Sin has affected work.**

Genesis 3:17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

- **The Gospel redeems work.**

*Ephesians 6:5 Slaves (employees), obey your earthly masters (employers) with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, **as you would Christ**, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but **as servants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will **as to the Lord and not to man**, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he **will receive back from the Lord**, whether he is a slave or free. 9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.*

Command: Employees, obey your employers

Obedience: Immediately and joyfully following the lead of the one God has placed in authority over us.

Why: work is worship to God

We can work in a wide range of work.

Work is not divided into sacred or secular.

Why: Good work has a good reward.

*How: Treat your employees as you would want to be treated
God cares about the content of our work.
Think upward & outward, inward
Does it serve God, help others and please me.
God cares about the quality of our work.
Work with excellence.
Work with a joyful heart.
How: Give good work without exception.*

Command: Employers, treat your employees justly and fairly.

How: Treat your employees as you would want to be treated.

Why: God is both your master and theirs

Two great Gospel truths:

*Jesus is our great **Servant***

*Jesus is our great **Master***