



Who Are You Working For? Set Free to Work for the King! • Part 1

Lesson 5

We often OVER-identify or UNDER-identify with our work and sometimes we do BOTH at the SAME TIME!

- Our work can **NEVER** give us what we really need or truly want (satisfaction, significance, security, status)—**only King Jesus can!**
 - We shouldn't make an **IDOL** of our work.
 - Our jobs makes a lousy gods!
 - Consider the **Rich Young Ruler!** *Matthew 19:16-29*
- Our work **DESERVES** the very best we have to give—**we are really working for King Jesus!**
 - We shouldn't be **IDLE** in our work.
 - Work is not a four-letter word!
 - Consider the **Wicked, Lazy, Worthless Servant** in the Parable of the Talents! *Matthew 25:14-30*

Are you more prone to MAKE AN IDOL of your work or BE IDLE in your work?

- Jesus' work **TRANSFORMS** our work into worship.
 - We should **IDENTIFY** with King Jesus in our work!
 - We should worship while work!
 - Consider the **Runaway Slave Onesimus** in the little book of Philemon!

*"Being a Christian in the workplace means the truth of the gospel should work itself out in every detail of your life, including your job."
—Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert, The Gospel at Work (46)*

Set Free to Work for the King

1. In Christ you are a new creation with a **NEW JOB!**

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17
And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Revelation 21:5*

As a New Creation in Christ...

- You work for a new **BOSS**, who is the King!

"It is the Lord Christ whom you serve." Colossians 4:24b

- You have a new **ASSIGNMENT/PROJECT** for the King!

*Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord."
Colossians 3:22*

Do people want what you are showing them at work?

Does how you are working on Monday make them thirsty for more of the God you say you worship on Sundays?

- You have a new **CONFIDENCE** in the King!

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men" Colossians 3:23

"So many of the problems we confront in the workplace boil down to issues of self-worth and confidence."
 -Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert, *The Gospel at Work* (49)

➤ You have a new **REWARD** from the King!

"knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance." Colossians 3:24a

What are you and I working for?

What can hinder or obstruct is from getting what we worked so hard for?

Working for the King Really Does Change Everything, Just Ask the Slave Onesimus and His Master Philemon!

In Christ ONESIMUS Went from Being USELESS to USEFUL!		
NEW CREATION	<i>Onesimus the Slave Before Christ</i>	<i>Onesimus the Slave After Christ</i>
NEW MASTER	His master was Philemon who was saved but still very human and still able to sin and fall short as a master.	His Master became King Jesus who graciously ruled over himself and Philemon too!
NEW ASSIGNMENT	Served Philemon and his household, which was limiting, lowly, and perhaps lifeless.	Served the living God and His household as he served Philemon and his household!
NEW CONFIDENCE	Ran away with stolen goods to make a new life? Ran away to better himself? Ran away to be set free from slavery? Ran away to find fulfillment in Rome?	Returned to face the consequences of his own choices! Returned to be a slave who was now free! Returned to serve a master who was now his brother! (or IF his master had been unsaved, then he was still made in God's image!)
NEW REWARD	May have felt unappreciated, unrewarded, or unworthy?	Now he lived up to his name; he was USEFUL and PROFITABLE to King Jesus, the Apostle Paul, Philemon, and the church that met in his household!

2. In Christ you have been SET FREE to work for the King!

Working for the King Sets You Free...

- To **WORSHIP** God through your work.
- To **SERVE** others unselfishly at work.
- To **TRUST** God in your work.
- To **REST** from your work without guilt or worry.
- To **EXCEL** at your work no matter what.
- To **ENJOY** your work no matter what.

QUESTION: What will make you and your work stand out on the job?

ANSWER: Knowing *WHO* you are really working for!

You Have Been Set Free to Work for the King!

So Work Like It, Because Working for the King Changes Everything!