

Undercover Boss

Setting The Scene:

Three Things Christians Have To Change At Work:

Colossians 3:17 & 22-25 1 Peter 4:8-11 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 & 10:31 Matthew 5:12-16,
Ephesians 2:10 & 4:28 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Hebrews 4:13

- ❶ We have to change *who* **we work for**.
- ❷ We have to change *how* **we work**.
- ❸ We have to change *what* **we work for**.

✓ Christianity set a new **Boss**

Assignment

Reward

Two Examples From Top To Bottom:

Hebrews 4:11-13 2 Chronicles 16:9

- ❶ **Power** and **position** are always used to **serve** others.
John 13:1-17 Mark 10:41-45
- ❷ Obedience is seen best when it goes **against** our **desires**.
Mark 14:32-42

Food for Thought
for the week of June 7, 2015
(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. Having a difficult boss and showing respect can at times be no small challenge. One key in learning to respect the position even though you can't respect the person is humility. The level of our humility is often revealed in how we respond to those who oppose us. How does Romans 12:9-16 help us better understand and define what godly humility looks like?

Romans 12:9-16

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. [NIV]

2. This weekend we heard that we are not only designed to work, but it is also an opportunity for kingdom influence and impact. As you read the following Proverbs, jot down how each one adds to our understanding and worth of work and, if possible, make a note of how that principle could be applied in your work, school or home environment

Proverbs 10:4

⁴ Lazy hands make for poverty,
but diligent hands bring wealth. [NIV]

Proverbs 14:23

²³ All hard work brings a profit,
but mere talk leads only to poverty. [NIV]

Proverbs 16:26

²⁶ The appetite of laborers works for them;
their hunger drives them on. [NIV]

Proverbs 22:29

²⁹ Do you see someone skilled in their work?
They will serve before kings;
they will not serve before officials of low rank. [NIV]

Proverbs 24:27

²⁷ Put your outdoor work in order
and get your fields ready;
after that, build your house. [NIV]

Proverbs 28:19

¹⁹ Those who work their land will have abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty. [NIV]

Which of these verses caught your attention the most and why?

3. One way the American dream becomes a nightmare is when we lose sight of our work being an assignment from God. Fortunately we have an opportunity to represent God to those around us through our character, the quality of our work, and the attitude we maintain. Colossians 3:17 gives a great overview of how we should approach our work.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *[NIV]*

After reading the verse, assess how you're doing in your job in the areas below. Rate yourself on a 1 to 5 scale.
(5 being the highest).

- ⇒ Focus
- ⇒ Teamwork
- ⇒ Flexibility
- ⇒ Follow-through
- ⇒ Attention to detail
- ⇒ Honesty
- ⇒ Other

Looking at how you rated yourself, are there any areas you would like to improve ?