

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**Ephesians 6:5-9**  
***Turning Work into Worship***

***Getting Started***

What's the worst job you've ever had? What made it so difficult?

***Background***

Paul has been giving instructions for Christian households. He's covered wives & husbands (5:22-33), and children & parents (6:1-4). Now he turns to the responsibilities of slaves and masters.

***Digging In***

1. **Read 6:5-8.** Why were slaves to obey their masters with *respect and fear*? (v. 5)
2. What does it mean to obey *with sincerity of heart*? (vss. 5-6)
3. Slaves are exhorted to serve *with a good will* (v. 7, ESV). What does it mean to do our work willingly?
4. To be **conscientious** means to do what is right, and to do our work well and thoroughly. How is this concept seen in vss. 5-8?
5. Why should slaves do their work respectfully, conscientiously and willingly? (v. 8)
6. **Read v. 9.** What basic instructions are given to masters?
7. What incentive does Paul give to masters to treat their slaves well?
8. What additional instructions are given in Colossians 4:1?



***Getting Personal***

- How do the principles in this passage apply to our roles as employees or employers?
- Thinking of your own work, are you serving respectfully, conscientiously, and willingly?
- In which areas do you need improvement?
- How can the idea of actually serving Christ transform our labor?