



## Straight Talk about Christians at Work

Titus 2:9-10

**Jesus wants you to go to work for him!**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” *Colossians 3:23*

“Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.” *Titus 2:9-10*

### FIVE TRAITS OF A GODLY CHRISTIAN WORKER

Be S \_\_\_\_\_

Be P \_\_\_\_\_

Be R \_\_\_\_\_

Be H \_\_\_\_\_

Be D \_\_\_\_\_

*The Gospel is on display every day in what you do and say!  
Your words & deeds & attitudes can make the Gospel attractive!*



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### DISCUSSION STARTERS

*You can use the following questions and statements in a variety of ways - in your LIFE group, around the family dinner table, or simply with friends over coffee - to help you understand the Bible better and apply it to your life.*

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?  
If you could retire early, what would you want to do as a second career?

We do not live with slavery, but sometimes people are forced by tough economic times to work in a job that is not their first choice. Are you working your first choice job? What do you like most/least about your job?

Do you ever find it hard to respond positively to your: Supervisor? Co-workers? Company? How do you maintain positive attitudes and actions in negative times?

What are your supervisor's goals? What three things could you do—beyond what you are required to do or told to do— to help him/her achieve those goals? What effect could it have on your relationship if you took the initiative?

Does negative talk go on at work? How could you turn the conversation in a positive direction? What sort of “good gossip” could you spread by saying nice things about your supervisors and co-workers?

Are you perceived as positive and cooperative or negative and argumentative? How could you communicate your ideas and opinions in such a way as to show at the same time a spirit of cooperation and respect?

Are people at your place of work generally honest, or do they take equipment and supplies home without permission? Do they inflate monthly reports and expense accounts and time sheets? Do they slack off when the boss isn't around? Do they mislead customers? How can you be a positive influence?

Read Ephesians 6:5-9, Colossians 3:22-4:1, 1 Timothy 6:1-2, 1 Peter 2:18-25. Look for repeated themes (obedience, sincerity, heart, service, respect, reward).

Talk about the importance of heart-felt effort at work.

Talk about the Lord as your ultimate Boss and what final payday will be like.

Talk about the responsibility of Christian supervisors and business owners.

What are the reasons for working beyond earning a paycheck?

How can you use your time at work to have an impact on the world for the Lord?

Are you maintaining a consistent testimony at work to earn the right to be heard?

Would you pray for a chance to invite a co-worker to church or share your faith?