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| A. The Worker's <u>Action</u> – Ephesians 6:5, Colossians 3:22, 1 Timothy 6:1, Titus 2:9-10 B. The Worker's <u>Assignment</u> – Ephesians 6:5, 1 Timothy 6:2 C. The Worker's <u>Attitude</u> – Ephesians 6:5 D. The Worker's <u>Ambition</u> – Ephesians 6:5, Colossians 3:23, Ecclesiastes 9:10, 1 Peter 2:18-19 E. The Worker's <u>Aim</u> – Ephesians 6:5-7 F. The Worker's <u>Award</u> – Ephesians 6:8, Galatians 6:9 |
| II. The Employer's Manual – Ephesians 6:9 |
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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting Started

- 1. Share a time when you had a job that you...
 - a. Loved–What made it a great job?
 - b. Didn't like-How was it a "downer" of a workplace experience?

Going Deeper

1. Read Ephesians 6:5 and 1 Timothy 6:1. What does Scripture say about our attitude toward our work? How does this serve as a silent testimony to those who observe us?

2. Read Ephesians 6:5-7. Describe a time when you needed to work on something that was difficult, or even something that you didn't want to do. How did your commitment to Christ factor into how you labored on that task or project?

3. Read Ephesians 6:8. When have you felt this kind of spiritual encouragement to do your very best in your career?

4. Read Ephesians 6:9. How are employers to treat those who are subordinate to them? Tell a story about someone you know who has been this kind of boss.

5. Read Colossians 3:23. Whether you are an employee or an employer, describe someone at your company who models this kind of work ethic. How do they talk, work, and act?

Applying the Message

1. In what area of your career do you feel the need to obey at a whole new level? How might your witness in the world change if you adopt this new behavior?

2. As Christian **employees**, what are some practical ways we can show respect and obedience to those who are in authority over us? As Christian **employers**, what are some ways we can show respect to those who report to us?