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Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. (Ephesians 6:7-8)

Consider these five things from Ephesians 6:7-8 in connection to your job.

1) *A call to radically Lord-centered living.*

This is astonishing compared to the way we usually live. Paul says that all our work should be done as work for Christ, not for any human supervisor. With good will render service “as to the Lord and not to man.”

This means that we will think of the Lord in what we are doing at work. We will ask, *Why* would the Lord like this done? *How* would the Lord like this done? *When* would the Lord like this done? Will the Lord help me to do this? What effect will this have for the Lord's honor? In other words, being a Christian means radically Lord-centered living and working.

2) *A call to be a good person.*

Lord-centered living means being a good person and doing good things. Paul says, “With a good will [render service] . . . whatever good anyone does.” Jesus said that when

we let our light shine, men will see our “good works” and give

glory to our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

3) *Power to do a good job for inconsiderate earthly employers.*

Paul's aim is to empower Christians, with Lord-centered motives, to go on doing good for supervisors who are not considerate. How do you keep on doing good in a job when your boss ignores you or even criticizes you? Paul's answer is: stop thinking about your boss as your main supervisor, and start working for the Lord. Do this in the very duties given to you by your earthly supervisor.

4) *Encouragement that nothing good is done in vain.*

Perhaps the most amazing sentence of all is this: “Whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord.” This is amazing. Everything! “Whatever good anyone does.” Every little thing you do that is good is seen and valued and rewarded by the Lord.

And he will pay you back for it. Not in the sense that you have *earned* anything — as if you could put him in your debt. He owns you, and everything in the universe. He owes us *nothing*. But he freely, graciously chooses to reward us for all the good things done in faith.

5) *Encouragement that insignificant status on earth is no hindrance to great reward in heaven.*

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Events

TODAY

Members Only Family Meeting
7 PM

VisionYouth Meeting 7 PM

2/6 Small Groups 7:15 PM

2/10 College & Career Lunch
1 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Robert Fisher	Stu Johnston
Bob Prentice	Michael Lopes

Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm
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“I know
the plans I have for you,
plans for a **FUTURE**
and a **HOPE**”

JEREMIAH 29:11

Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

(Chorus)

And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

(Chorus 2x)

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Our God is an Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!
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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Offertory
Preparatory

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

(Chorus)

Round - (Vs. 1-Men, Chorus-Women) Round - (Vs. 2-Women, Chorus-Men)
All sing chorus a final time.

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Stu Johnston
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Offertory

When Trials Come

When trials come, no longer fear, for in the pain our God draws near,
to fire a faith worth more than gold; and there His faithfulness is told;
and there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace; the breath of God brings strength to me.
And, new each morning, mercy flows as treasures of the darkness grow;
as treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to wisdom not my own, for ev'ry battle You have known.
My confidence will rest in You; Your love endures, Your ways are good;
Your love endures, Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost, I see the triumph of the cross;
So in its shadow I shall run 'till He completes the work begun;
'till He completes the work begun.

One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to.
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

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Preparatory

We Believe

In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only One Foundation, We believe, We believe

In this broken generation, When all is dark You help us see
There is only One Salvation, We believe, We believe

(Chorus) We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again
We believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems, Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations, We believe, We believe **(Chorus)**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised, In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save, We believe, We believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail, For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail, We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back
He's coming back again....! He's coming back again...
We believe, We believe

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Sermon

Pastor Michael Lopes