

The Holy Spirit & Me Series
“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Harmony (Ephesians 5:18-6:9)
Living The Lordship of Christ – Slaves & Masters (6:5-9)

Introduction

1. Tonight we finish our walk in harmony lessons. We see that Paul speaks to slaves who are to be submissive to the master’s authority and the masters are to be submissive to the needs of their slaves.
 2. For our application we can use these same principles to the employee and employer relationship...
- I. The Responsibilities Of Workers**
- a. Submission & Authority
 - i. First, Paul never tells them to rebel but to be Christians where they are (1 Corinthians 7:20-24)
 - ii. Slaves carry the same submission to authority as wives and children
 - iii. They may have masters according to the flesh but their true Master was in heaven (6:9)
 - iv. A worker must work as if working for Christ and in doing so will be a good witness to Christ and the gospel message
 - v. All Christians work to please Christ for this is God’s will
 - vi. Paul also says that in working hard we will be rewarded by the Lord (6:8; 1 Peter 2:18-25)
- II. The Responsibilities Of Masters**
- a. Seek Their Welfare
 - i. Even though the master is in charge he is still a servant of God and all he does is in the sight of God
 - ii. He must do the same things to them. He wants them to do their best he must in turn do his best for them. He must serve God first then he can expect his servants to do the same.
 - b. He Must Not Threaten
 - i. Instead he should share positive motivation (Col 4:1; Leviticus 25:43)
 - c. He Must Be Submitted To The Lord (6:9)
 - i. Your master is also in Heaven. This is practicing the lordship of Christ
 - ii. Jesus said the way to be a ruler was to first be a servant (Matthew 25:21)
 - d. He Must Not Play Favorites
 - i. God is no respecter of persons. He judges sin the same with masters or servants and he will reward the same if they obey. (1 Timothy 5:1)