

Setting the Stage for a Visitation from God – At Work
Ephesians 6:5-10
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Servants, respectfully obey your earthly masters but always with an eye to obeying the real master, Christ. Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God. Good work will get you good pay from the Master, regardless of whether you are slave or free. Masters, it's the same with you. No abuse, please, and no threats. You and your servants are both under the same Master in heaven. He makes no distinction between you and them. And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. Ephesians 6:5-10 (MsgB)

God has anointed _____ to represent Him.

How does God visit people?

- **supernaturally**
- **through** _____

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

Ambassador: presbeuo: to be a senior or an elder, to act as a _____.

**I just might be the key...
to a visitation from God at work.**

HOW DO I DO THIS?

When you walk on the job, have the _____: "the kingdom of God has arrived!"

The kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:21(NIV)

**Know that what you do on the job is potentially more _____
than religious duties you carry on for the church!**

To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. Mark 12:33 (NIV)

WHAT ABOUT MY BOSS?

1. **Be** _____ **to him/her.**

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 1 Peter 2:18-19 (KJV)

Froward: skolios: crooked, perverse, wicked, unfair. Tyrannical or unjust masters

Servants: doulos: In the occupational sense: One who involuntarily or voluntarily has subjected himself to another person - An _____

Master: kurios: One who is supreme in authority. One who is in control – An _____

2. Be a good employee...

- so that he/she will not be _____ by the gospel.

...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. Titus 2:10

- so that he/she will not see a misrepresentation of who _____ are.

...so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. 1 Timothy 6:1 (NIV)

- to win his/her _____.

Obey them not only to win their favor. Ephesians 6:6 (NIV)

- so that the Lord will _____ you.

The Lord will reward everyone for whatever good He does... Ephesians 6:8 (NIV)

- because you are ultimately doing your work for the _____, not your boss.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ ;Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Ephesians 6:5-7 (KJV)

WHAT IF I AM THE BOSS?

1. Create an atmosphere that _____ the Holy Spirit.

But how?

- Simply through your _____

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philipians 2:3-5 (NIV)

"I _____ to be an instrument of God's visitation at work."