

Introduction:

1. A <u>Posture</u>.

• Take a <u>humble</u>, <u>respectful</u> posture while you do good work.

2. A Perspective.

• Is this job for <u>your</u> glory or for <u>God's</u> glory?

3. A <u>Pattern</u>.

4. A <u>Power</u>.

• The essence of your power for the Christian life is <u>substitution</u>.

5. A <u>Pastor</u>.



Gospel Applications: The Gospel at Work

- 1. What words would you use to describe how you view your employer/boss? What are your predominant attitudes/emotions toward them? How would you describe your default posture toward them?
- 2. If we were to ask your employer/boss, how do you think they would answer #1 above? How would their response differ from yours?
- 3. What are some practical ways you show respect for your employer/boss? What are some practical ways you communicate a heart of submission?
- 4. On a day-by-day, moment-by-moment basis, how conscious are you of working primarily for the Lord and his glory? [0 = not at all, 10 = always]
- 5. How does #4 shape your response to suffering/injustice in the workplace? What positive impacts would you anticipate if working for the Lord and his glory was your consistent perspective?
- 6. How do you tend to react to unfair circumstances at work? What do you feel toward those who are the cause of the unfairness/problem? What kinds of things do you tend to say about them?
- 7. If you were to "trace your life" over Jesus' life, specifically his response to suffering and injustice, what are some things that would change in your vocation and work? How would those things look different?
- 8. What's a situation in your work that you need to entrust to God? What are you doing right now instead of entrusting (e.g. worrying, manipulating, fighting fire with fire, etc.)? What, specifically, would entrusting look like?
- 9. What would it mean for you to trust Jesus as the Pastor and Overseer of your work? Practically, how would one thing in your work look different?
- 10. What one thing will you change in response to this message?