

THE JESUS DIFFERENCE

Series Maxim:

If Jesus isn't making a difference in any relationship or area of your life it is because He is absent in it.

Jesus always makes a difference!

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:5-9

Neither Jesus nor the New Testament ever condones slavery. They do inform us how to live in the present world and its brokenness. They will also be the catalyst for ending slavery.

The Jesus Difference at Work is...

I am working for Jesus

And

I am working like Jesus

1st - Jesus is our example

Jesus was a worker – a 'tekton' (builder)

2nd – 2 Daily Essentials

→ Excellence

In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.

Colossians 3:23 NCV

→ Enthusiasm

Boss's Golden Rule

Treat those under you, like you'd like to be treated, if your roles were reversed

The Jesus difference at work is so important

* Purpose/Mindfulness

- 90,000 hours at work
- 13,000 hours in school

* The Will of God

1. Being a light to the not yet believer
2. Being an encourager to other believers
3. Laboring for the Lord

** Because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.*

Ephesians 6:8

You won't experience The Jesus Difference without Jesus

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For Discussion

1. Have you seen The Jesus Difference at work in your life? How so?
2. Have you ever seen it in another's? Share who and how.
3. Do you struggle with other excellence or enthusiasm at work? What is your next step forward in living it out?