

I Timothy 6:1-2
Serving our Employers

Masters are worthy of full respect (I Peter 2:18) – ***even those who are harsh***
We are commended for suffering for doing what is good.

To not slander God's name (II Corinthians 5:20)

We are Christ's ambassadors, we represent Him in all we do

To not slander the apostle's teaching (Titus 2:9-10)

Our actions are to draw others to Christ, He should be seen in us
(Matthew 5:16) = living in accordance with His teaching

More respect for a believing master – ***serving a member of Christ's body***

You are benefitting a brother in Christ (Hebrews 13:17 / I Cor. 12:24-27)

Why would you not seek to benefit your own body?

You are benefitting someone you love

The bond between believers is given to us from God (Romans 12:5)

Loving one another as a witness (John 13:34-35)

Demonstrating that we are Christ's disciples

Loving one another as we look to the harvest (Galatians 6:9-10)

Doing good to all – especially the family of God

Discussion questions for I Timothy 6:1-2

Why is disrespect equated with slander? In regard to His Name? In regard to His teaching? (Psalm 138:2 / Philippians 2:9-11 / Psalm 18:30 / Proverbs 30:5-6)

All are created in His image – we who bear His Name ought to honor and exalt His Name before those whom He made – not slander them.

His teaching clearly calls for us to love one another – and His Word and teaching are flawless – as His followers, our actions reflect on His teaching.

Why would we be tempted to show less respect to a boss who is a believer? Why is this wrong? (Colossians 3:23 / Ephesians 6:5-8 / Mark 6:1-6)

We may be tempted to think our brother will go easier on us, or we may be lax because of our familiarity with him. However, the Bible is clear that we are to serve our masters wholeheartedly as unto the Lord. We are not let our relationship become an excuse for not serving them the best we can.

How well has the church done at displaying unity and love among believers?

Why? (Ephesians 4:2-7 / Romans 12:3-6 / John 17:21-22) ***Not very well. We tend to stray from the source – through the cross of Christ and by His Spirit we have been brought to unity. We must remember that we all serve the same God and that we are all part of one body. Though we are each different – we have a unified purpose in Christ.***

Why is it to our benefit to bless fellow believers? (I Corinthians 12:21-27)

To bless another believer is to bless the body of Christ of which we are part. To build up and strengthen His body brings us all closer to becoming like Jesus. We need each other. Bringing division in the body of Christ is the work of our enemy.

How can we show respect to those in authority over us? (Titus 2:9-10)

Treat them with honor – do our best to serve and be in submission to them. Do not slander, degrade, or cheat them in any way.

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