

Deuteronomy 15:18

It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

Here is a thought to start out your workday. In today's devotional verse, this is speaking of a servant, who after seven years of working is to be set free. But if the servant doesn't want to leave, then an awl would be put through the ear of the servant as a symbol that he or she would belong to that person (their master/boss) for life. A servant would do this if they liked/loved their master and they were treated well by them. If not, then they couldn't wait to get out of there after seven years of harsh treatment.

But did you notice the first sentence in today's verse:

† ***It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years.***

Think about that for a moment. If you were to leave your job today, would they be happy for you to leave or would they try to persuade you to stay? Do you work twice as hard as others do, or do you barely do anything?

We as Christians should be hard workers. Paul says.

† ***Ephesians 6:5-7 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,***

If the Lord were your boss, would He be happy with the things you do at work and how you do your job? The way we work as Christians should be a witness to others of Jesus in our lives. So, how are we portraying Jesus, as lazy or a hard worker?

Think about it today and every day as you do your job.

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Also remember that God did not place you in your job to preach the gospel, why everyone else has to carry the extra load, because you are not doing your job. That's actually stealing from your employer. May our work ethic speak louder than our words.

† ***Acts 18:3-4 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.***

† 1 Thessalonians 4:10b-12 *But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.*