

Spirit-Filled Labor **Ephesians 6:5-9**

I. Introduction

II. The Submission of Slaves Commanded. v. 5a

- A. Biblical teaching of slavery from the Old Testament. (Ex. 21:16, Ex. 20:10)**

- B. The New Testament assumes slavery as a domestic institution. (Gal. 3:28, 1 Cor. 7:21ff, Philemon 1:10-19, 1 Tim.6.1-2)**

- C. Your submission has limitations. v. 5 (1 Peter 2:18-20, Acts 5:29)**

III. The Sincere Submission of Slaves to Authority. vv. 5b-8

- A. Obey out of reverence. v. 5b (Eph. 5:21, 33; Phil. 2:12, Ps. 86:11, Philemon 1:16)**

- B. Make sure your submission is sincere from the heart. vv. 5b-6 (Rom. 12:11, Tit. 2:9-10, 1 Cor. 6:20, Matt. 20:28)**

- C. Ultimately, your service is to the Lord who will recompense each one. vv. 7-8 (Eccl. 9:10, Col. 3:23-24)**

IV. Masters also must submit to the Lord in heaven. v. 9

- A. Masters are to treat their slaves with fairness. (Deut. 24:14-15, Jas. 2:13)**

- B. Your motivation is that you will give an account to your Master in heaven. (Ps. 140:12, Phil. 2:10-11)**

V. Conclusion / Application (1 Tim. 6:1-2, Rev. 2:23, 1 Pet. 2:24)