

6 The world of work - Under pressure



Read Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:22-24

What points does Paul make in these passages? Pick out some key phrases.

If you work like that, what is a boss likely to think of you?



What about your colleagues? What will they think?



Which of the following expressions are likely to be used about a disciple at work?
Score 4 = all the time, 0 = never. (For he read she as appropriate!)

	0	1	2	3	4
He's bone idle					
He's a real company man					
I don't understand what makes him tick					
I can't trust him					
He's the most hard working person I know					
He's always happy!					
He's a real soft touch; he never says no					
The trouble is, he has too many out-of-work interests					
I can't understand why he hasn't got on better					



Jesus said ...

that nobody can serve two masters (Matthew 6.24).

What examples can you think of where your allegiance to Christ might bring you into conflict with the demands of a job?

Think of some examples of people in the Bible and their relationship with their employer. What lessons can you think of?



Write an imagined account of a Christian at work, including:

- the sort of job he (or she) chose, and why
- what problems he faced during the interview, and why he was offered the job
- the account of his employment; how he got on with his boss and colleagues, and how the job progressed

In the chart on the left, how would you get on?