

Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

## "What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Slaves/Masters - Working Toward the Common Good," Ephesians 6:5-9.



**Basic Ideas** from, "Slaves/Masters - Working Toward the Common Good," Ephesians 6:5-9.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know our status is insignificant; our focus is to be Godward is.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to serve God regardless as to our status.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of serving God through the shadow.



**Basic Questions** from, "Slaves/Masters - Working Toward the Common Good," Ephesians 6:5-9.

1. Why might Paul include a section on slaves and masters?
2. Were slaves a part of the household?
3. Were slaves a part of the early church?
4. Does the previous paragraph (5:15-21) color our handling of this current thought?
5. Did Paul believe slavery to be a good thing?
6. Does slavery fall outside of God's Story?
7. Does the Old Testament teach on slavery?
8. Why does Paul qualify his statement with 'masters according to the flesh'?
9. Why is there this tendency toward using the strong language of 'fear and trembling'?
10. What is the idea behind a single heart?
11. What does the phrase 'as unto Christ' do for our service?
12. How might we guard against living plastic lives?
13. When you step back and look at the bigger picture, what is slavery a shadow of?
14. How is our service not to be accomplished?
15. Notice how Paul continues to place our activity in the context of the larger Story and how each moment can be an expression of our personal worship regardless as to our social standing.
16. How does Paul temper the "masters" actions toward the slave?
17. How does Paul level the playing field?
18. Does Paul deal with the issue of slavery's abolishment?
19. Does everyone have at least one master to whom they are accountable?
20. What happens at this day of future judgment?
21. What thought might temper your handling of those who are under you administratively?
22. How might I give significance to the most mundane of tasks?

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The **Basic Application** from, “Slaves/Masters – Working Toward the Common Good,” Ephesians 6:5-9.

1. Paul provides for us a picture of what a home looks like **in Christ**.
2. Husbands have headship.
3. Wives are to respect that headship.
4. Children are to respect the collective headship of father/mother.
5. Parents are to train their children.
6. Slaves and masters are to work together for the common good.
7. Let us work from this idea and seek to celebrate and embody such principles in our homes and churches.
8. Where does this leave us? Seek God first. Worship Him in all of your activities regardless as to how glorious or simplistic they appear to be.
9. Second, work hard at keeping your home Christian. In fighting for your family rest knowing you work from victory and not for victory. It is the indwelling Holy Spirit and your placement in Him that guarantees the victory.
10. Third, always remember that fighting for the gospel demands putting on the full armor of God. This must serve as a constant reminder as to the intense nature of our fight.
11. May you find the gospel as both the end and the means to your journey, for it is Christ who is the gospel.

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