

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

September 12, 2021

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 5:14-16

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!

HYMN #34 He Is Lord  
(Children - ages 9 to 12 - will be dismissed to Junior Church.)

HYMN #630 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #676 O Jesus, I Have Promised

### CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*  
*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*  
*Junior Church - Ages 9 to 12*

### Announcements

**Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor, Deacons, and Trustees' Meeting** - Saturday, September 25.

**Business Meeting** - Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.

## Work and the Believer - Ephesians 6:5-9 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Work was given to man even before the Fall in the Garden of Eden. After sin entered the world, man's work became harder (Genesis 3:17-19). Christians are to use their God-given abilities to provide for their families and for others. A key to being successful in work is to have an attitude of gratitude and to recognize that effective work results when we see ourselves first as servants of God. How are Christian workers to serve?

• Christians are to serve with fear and trembling. (Verse 5)

Fear is to serve with an attitude of being very concerned and troubled, which gives you the desire to do your very best work. Trembling means to be physically moved and to understand all the required responsibilities inherent in the work you do. Believers should "fear and tremble," because they understand the source and value of authority (Romans 13:1-5). Authority comes from God. Believers are to respect the authority of their bosses. Only the arrogant disrespect those in authority.

• Christians are to serve with singleness of heart as unto Christ. (Verse 5)

Singleness of heart means to not have diverse loyalties and to do your job as you ought to do it. The exercise of singleness of heart is not difficult when we have made a decision to not please ourselves and others but to please God. When we purpose to glorify God making decisions and facing temptations are easier. This guiding principle of glorifying God does not mean all decisions will be easy; however, it does mean that God will help provide the answers and direction in our lives.

• Christians are not to serve with eyeservice, as menpleasers. (Verse 6)

Eyeservice means working well only when being observed. Menpleasers are working only for the praise of others. There is a spiritual nature to work that goes deeper than working well when being observed or working for the praise of men. Whether our boss sees us or not, we are to be diligent at all times. We must remember that God sees us.

• Christians are to serve as a servant. (Verse 6)

Servant means those under authority of another. Today we often choose our master or boss, but in many ways we are still under the authority of another. Failure may mean the loss of a job. Believers, therefore, are to be obedient and be known for carrying out orders. Under normal circumstances, this means doing the job we were hired to do and doing our best provided it is not against God's law.

• Christians are to serve as doing the will of God. (Verse 7)

The concept is to be joyfully slaving away and doing our best as unto the Lord. This is the will of God.

• Christians are to serve as unto the Lord. (Verse 8)

The Lord will bless our efforts. We rob ourselves of blessings when we shirk at work. When we labor as unto the Lord, our labor becomes a testimony of our faith.

You must do your very best as unto the Lord as an employee. Your actions in business reflect your relationship with God. It may be one of the best sources of witness to the unsaved world.