



GRACE IN THE WORKPLACE, PT. 2

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# BEING A LIGHT

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# SUBMISSION

- ▶ Our world is largely pagan and most employment opportunities come at the hands of godless employers and Luciferian business owners.  
*1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*
- ▶ Because it is appointed by God for men to work in order to provide for their families, we must adhere to the rules and regulations of men and women that may not know Jesus Christ as their personal savior. *1 Pet. 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;*
- ▶ As strong believers, our religion can sometimes threaten sinners and make lukewarm "Christians" in the workplace feel uncomfortable because they chose to embrace sin and the world's mindset. *John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*



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## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



- ▶ As born again believers, the light of Christ that is within us cannot be hidden. It is inevitable for the light of Christ to shine, especially in the presence of darkness. *2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
- ▶ Light that cannot brighten darkness is not light at all. There will come a time at our workplace when we will be confronted about our light because it cannot be and should not be hidden. *1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*
- ▶ The light of Christ in us is best exhibited by our behavior and not our speech. Living for Christ makes us do things differently than those that live for themselves. *Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

### A LIVING EXAMPLE

- ▶ When we are on our jobs, our language, behavior, and even our work ethic should be reflective of Jesus Christ, the One who resides in us. *Col. 3:22-23 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*
- ▶ It's not advisable to verbally share Christ in environments where it's not allowed. Doing so would be disobedience to leadership and Christ never broke the rules of those authorities He allowed himself to be subjected to. *Rom. 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*
- ▶ We should do our work with gladness and joy to exemplify the same joy that is present in our hearts for choosing Christ. When we behave in this manner, words are not necessary to share our faith. *1Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*



# SUMMARY

The Great Commission was given to Christ's disciples so that the Gospel of Jesus could be spread abroad. At that time, the message of Christ was unknown by most and needed to be shared with those that were lost and had no knowledge of what Jesus did for them. We are now living in a time where the Gospel has been spread throughout the entire planet. The commission for us as modern-day believers is not necessarily the same call as the New Testament disciples. We can now share the message of hope in Christ through our day-to-day actions and decisions since the knowledge of Christ is already present. This helps us in the workplace, when we are silenced by the rules and regulations of our employers.

The true power of influence comes by the way we govern our lives and the way we exemplify Christ in word and deed, not by mere lip service. This is why we must show the world what God's Word is saying and why Christ is a better choice than what they have. If we cannot show Christ working in us and through us, then the Gospel seems unnecessary in the eyes of the world. God never intended for His grace to be used solely as a pass out of hell, but His desire was for us to live better and make better decisions on Earth. In order to truly represent Christ in a pagan workplace we must let His light shine through our actions and not just our words.

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Titus 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Titus 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Titus 2:9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.