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Spirit-Filled Workers

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-9

Spirit-filled workers have the right attitude (v 5-6)

and know who they work for. (v 5-8)
(Col 3:23-24)

Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

June 12-13, 2021



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⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. ⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

1. Spirit-filled workers have the right attitude:

- God has designed us to work! People feel better when they can look at their day and see all the things they got done. But that attitude is a choice. We can also look at our day and see all the things we didn't get done.
- Our attitudes come from a choice, to follow God and work cheerfully or to ignore what God wants from us and be unhappy about the work we must do.

2. And know who they work for:

- All the work we do, things like chores and school, are a chance to serve Jesus! When we think about our work as serving God that changes how we think about it.
- Pastor Al lists a few reasons we might have a crummy attitude about the work we are doing. Look and ask yourself if any of these reasons might apply to you. You have a bad attitude because:
 - You're doing the wrong job. Maybe your chore or schoolwork does not fit your age/stage of life and you need to find something that is a better fit.
 - God wants to challenge you. You don't think you can do it, but God does!
 - You want to be served instead of serving others. This is a BIG attitude change. You might need to pray for patience and help to change how you feel about the work you are doing.
 - You just need to learn to be content. Content means not always looking for the next best thing but being happy and grateful for what you have.

Questions to ask as a family:

1. Have you ever done a job you did not like? How did it affect your attitude?
2. How do you have a good attitude when you have to do work you do not like?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, outlined by a dashed black line. This box is intended for a child to draw a picture of what they learned today.

Family Challenge

This weekend is communion. Take some time to pray and talk together to decide if everyone in your family is ready for communion. If so, grab the cup (water/juice/milk) and the bread (crackers/chips/bread) and follow along with Pastor Al or use the next page to walk your family through communion together.

Parents/Guardians – you can find more resources about communion for kids on our website, heartlandalliance.ca/kids, under the Kids Bulletin button.

Communion Instructions:

1. Gather the elements—juice, bread cut into pieces, water, crackers—whatever you have on hand will work!
2. Gather around your table.
3. Hand out a piece of bread to each family member.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.
5. Pray: *"Thank you Lord Jesus for dying on the cross."*
6. Eat the bread together.
7. Hand out a cup of juice to each family member.
8. Read the next passage, 1 Corinthians 11:25.
9. Pray: *"Thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving up Your blood so we can be clean from our sin. We remember what You did for us."*
10. Drink the juice together.
11. End with a final prayer of thanksgiving.



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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:5-9



Opening Prayer: Lord God, we come to You in the name of Jesus; guide us by Your Holy Spirit and show us Your wisdom and grace. Amen!

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do we learn from this passage and message about God? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels and how He views us and our work?
 - b. What challenges do you face in your attitude when it comes to work? What could you do to walk with the Holy Spirit when it comes to your attitude towards work?
 - c. What are some ways our small group can help each other to do Spirit-filled work and keep God's perspective in view as we work?
 - d. Why do you work? Where does your purpose for work need to grow or change?
 - e. What kinds of rewards do you think about when you work? What would it look like for you to have heaven more in mind as you work?
3. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
5. Verse 7 says “serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people...” Pastor Al said “the reason we should be the best workers on the job site is because we are really employed by God. How do you respond to this verse and to Pastor Al's comment?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).