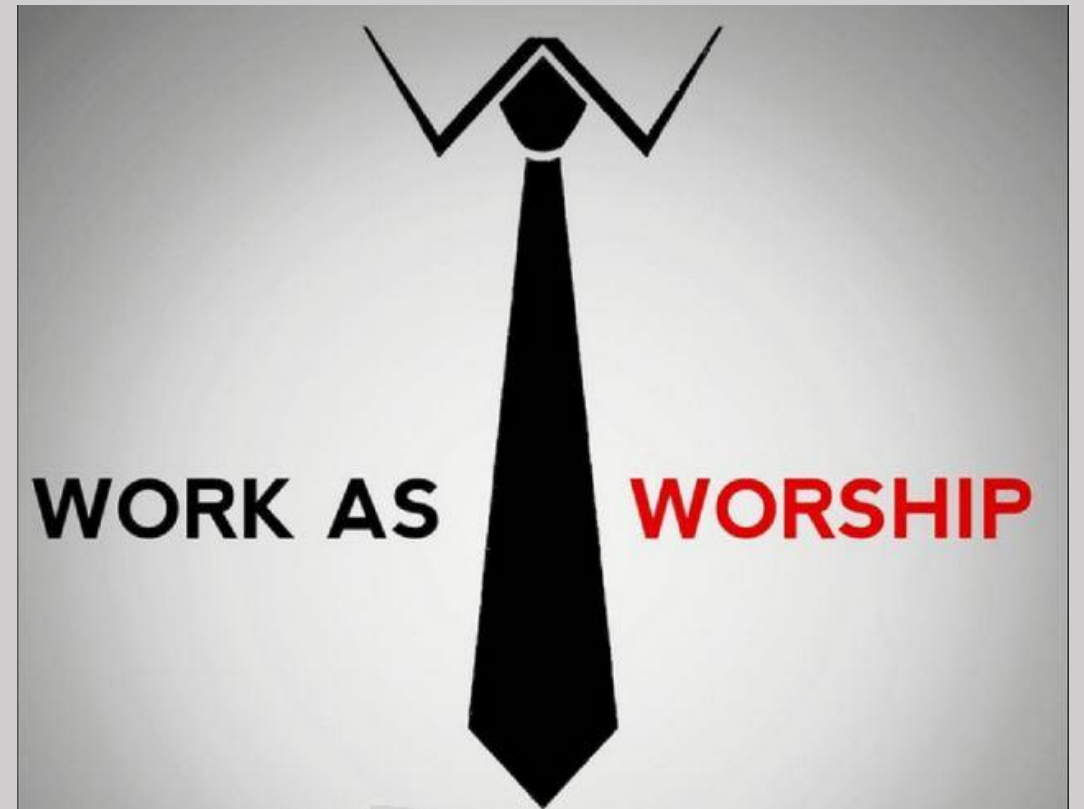


The Christ-Centered Home and Workplace

Colossians 3:18-4:1





Perichoresis

- An interweaving dance
- “A doctrine of the reciprocal inherence of the human and divine natures of Christ in each other”
- A description of the inter-relationships within the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in an “eternal relationship of love” (God as relational)

I. Underlying Principles

A. Relationships that Build Up

B. Relationships that Tear Down

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1. God is relational and he made us relational (Perichoresis)
2. Relationships requires each person to place others above one's self (Love)
3. Effective leadership requires spiritual maturity
(Servant Leadership)
4. Christ is the ultimate head of the family (Christology)

B. Relationships that Tear Down

1. “Hunched back sinners” focus on themselves
2. Self-centeredness can bring down whole organizations
3. Self-centeredness can wreak havoc on a peaceful environment
4. The Lord’s judgment is coming



II. Christ-Centered Homes

A. Wives and Husbands (3:18-19)

1. Wives RESPECT your husbands
2. Husbands LOVE your wives

B. Children and Parents (3:20-21)

1. **Children** RESPECT your parents
2. **Parents** ENCOURAGE your children

Pater Familias

“The **pater familias** was the head of the house and the symbol of the Roman family's endurance. He had supreme authority over family members as well as slaves.”

Ephesians 5:33

³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

--(English Standard Version)

Jesus commands us to be Servant Leaders

Matthew 20: 25-28

- ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

II. Christ-Centered Workplaces

C. Employees and Employers

1. Employees RESPECT your bosses (3:22-25)
2. Employers BUILD-UP your employees (4:1)

Conclusion

For a flourishing home or workplace, mirror the relationship between God and His people:

Christians are to RESPECT (show honor) to the Lord,

For the Lord loves, encourages, and builds-up his people