

# YOU ARE CHOSEN

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## You are Chosen to Make a Difference

*Ephesians 6:5-8 (NIV)*

God has a **PERSPECTIVE** on our **WORK**.

- God has a high value on our obedience.
- God desires us to respect those we work for and with.
- We are to work with a sincere heart (integrity).
- Serving wholeheartedly (kindness and goodwill).

*“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.” Ephesians 6:9 (NIV)*

Demonstrate Gods **PERSPECTIVE**. *Ephesians 6:9a (NIV)*

Don't **ABUSE** our authority. *Ephesians 6:9b (NIV)*

“Do not threaten,” – To **loosen** your grip.

To create **slack**.

To let go.

To loosen our grip is to give **GRACE**.

*“As Christian leaders we have been chosen to change the game.”*

Before God there is **EQUAL** ground.

*“and there is no favoritism with him.” Ephesians 6:9c*

## Lessons for leaders (Book of Philemon)

1. Jesus is for **EVERYONE**.
2. The **RIGHT** thing is the **RIGHT** thing.
3. Correct in **LOVE**, not **COMMAND**.
4. Follow Jesus **24-7**.

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In chair time this week, we challenge you to change your thinking:

- What if, as leaders, we saw our responsibility as a way to help others reach their potential, instead of as a way of using others to reach our own goals?

What they see in us is what they believe about Jesus.

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS