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Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23 "Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor"

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KJC's: Who's Time Is It Anyway?

"Sowing the Seed":

Exodus 20:15 is the eighth commandment and basically states "Do not steal". The word stealing or steal does not necessarily mean the taking of another person's property (or stuff) without authorization.

Our pastor discussed this commandment during the message a few weeks ago. He challenged us with looking into our soul's and thinking about what we may have "stolen". One of his examples focused on stolen time.

Many sales professionals have a lot of freedom to do their jobs on their own time schedules. Often the job is away from the "hustle and bustle" of the office environment. If this scenario applies to you be sure to understand it is a blessing from God and a privilege bestowed upon you, with a great deal of trust, from your employer. Do not take this freedom of time for granted. Your employer is placing trust in you to manage time for the betterment of the company. It is equally important for the employer or supervisor to respect the employee's time. If you do not grasp this blessing and trust, your actions may be perceived as a form of stealing.

A few examples of stealing time in the workplace may include:

- Employee: not claiming a personal day, taking numerous breaks, constantly interrupting others
- Employer/Supervisor: Calling after work hours, weekend business meetings, too much work for one person

More importantly, be sure there is a balance between the time you spend at work and with your family. If you are spending too much time at work or are "taking the job home with you", you are stealing time from your family.

Time is one thing you can never replace, avoid "stealing" this precious gift from others. There is a time for everything, according to God's plan. Focus on sharing quality time with God and do as Jesus instructed when He told us to love others. When you love others, you are using your time the way Jesus instructed.

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Read the following verse from The Bible:

- Exodus 20:15
- Leviticus 6:4
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 to 8
- Matthew 19.18
- Ephesians 4:28
- Romans 13: 9, 10

Discuss these KJC's with others! Remember, Christ is with you! Matthew 18:20

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