

## » PRAYER &amp; PRAISE

Workplace is where discipleship meets enormous challenges. But this is also where God's Kingdom strikes back! We will keep watch over our marketplace ministers and our homemakers. Come hear from Jacelyn Teo, a working mum in senior management who partners with her husband to nurture four children at home. Be inspired by her journey of following God in these two arenas of life.

**Date:** 28 Oct (Fri) **Time:** 8 pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre

## » COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

**Home Makeover**

B.L.E.S.S. a less fortunate family by helping them clean and paint their home. Target completion date is early November. If you or your CG is interested, email [vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg](mailto:vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg)

## » PARENTING TRAINING

If you are planning or expecting your first child, Parenting with Love is for you.

**Dates:** 5 and 12 Nov (Saturdays)  
**Time:** 12pm - 5pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre  
**Fee:** \$50/couple

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays or email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)

## » MOVIE SCREENING FOR SEEKERS

Seekers Ministry is organising an outreach event with the screening of the acclaimed movie "The Ultimate Gift". Invite your family and friends who are seeking answers in life!

**Date:** 12 Nov (Sat)  
**Time:** 5.30pm-8.30pm  
**Venue:** ACKCentre Performing Studio  
Dinner and short discussion follow after the movie.  
Entry is free but registration is required due to limited seating capacity. Register at [tinyurl.com/seekersmoviescreening](http://tinyurl.com/seekersmoviescreening)

## » COVENANT EAST

Covenant East will hold its first service on 6 Nov! Invite your pre-believing and unchurched family, friends and colleagues who live in the East. *Invitation cards are available at the Information Counter.*

## » IDT &amp; SFF SIGN-UP

We don't try to be disciples, we *train* to be disciples. Invest in your spiritual growth today! Join Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) or Spiritual Friends & Foundations (SFF) commencing on Jan 2017.

Be grounded with an understanding of God's redemptive plan and an experiential knowledge of a Spirit-filled life within a small group, with an emphasis on inner life transformation through personal discipline and a growing love for God's Word.

**Application Period:** 1 Oct-13 Nov 2016  
Download the application form at [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg) or get it at the Information Counter.  
For enquiries, email [idtadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:idtadmin@cefc.org.sg)

## » BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND (BTW)

Next Sunday is the last day of registration. Don't miss this intentional time to be away with the Lord. Come with your CG mates. Register at [voyager.cefc.org.sg](http://voyager.cefc.org.sg)

**Men's BTW and Women's BTW**  
**Dates:** 2-4 Dec **Fee:** \$290/pax\*  
For enquiries, email [menbtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:menbtw@cefc.org.sg) or [womenbtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:womenbtw@cefc.org.sg)

**Marriage BTW**  
**Dates:** 25-27 Nov **Fee:** \$620/pax\*  
For enquiries, email [marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg](mailto:marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg)  
*\*Rates do not include optional transportation.*

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## Pleasing Christ in Our Workplace

BY: PAUL SHI, THE NEXT GENERATION (TNG)

**D**uring the first six months of my job in one of the big four professional service firms, I thought about quitting every single day. I deeply dreaded Mondays. Intimidation, fear and anxiety would creep up on me on Sunday evenings as Monday approached. I was struggling to work with my manager.

One of my friends advised me to do something that made me feel very uncomfortable. "Why don't you give your manager a gift?" Feeling slightly convicted at this point, I nonetheless responded, "Excuse me? A gift? That is the last thing I was going to do." "Yeah man, I think you should do it!" he continued. "Fine," I responded reluctantly, seeing the spiritual depth of his advice, and somewhat wanting to rise to the challenge.

I happened to have a \$50 gift card and my manager was getting married that week. I knew how strange I would look giving a gift to someone whose wedding I am not invited to. It felt awkward. However, I knew that this was what I needed to do.

So I followed through and gave my manager the gift card. There was a sense of breakthrough and victory when it was done.

In Ephesians 6:5-9, Paul encourages workers to render service unto the Lord and not to men. Essentially, work as if you are working unto the Lord first and foremost, and not just to please man, but to do the will of God in the workplace from the heart. This means to do what pleases Christ even in the workplace. For me, it was how I was going to respond to a difficult manager. Perhaps for others it is treating employees fairly, not gossiping about colleagues, or being diligent and excellent at work.

In Ephesians 5:18, Paul exhorts believers to be "filled with the Spirit". Paul has dealt with husbands and wives, and parents and children. Now we learn that another practical outworking of being "filled with the Spirit" is in our workplace.

What is something we can do in our workplace this week to demonstrate this?



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
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# SERMON OUTLINE



## Marketplace Discipleship

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:5-9** Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

Two Governing Principles for Marketplace Discipleship:

#### **A. Subordinates, Serve Your Bosses As You Serve Christ (vv.5-8)**

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters...Obey them not only to win their favor...”

#### **B. Bosses, Treat Your Subordinates As You Treat Christ (v.9)**

“...masters, treat your slaves in the same way...and there is no favoritism with him.”

### Conclusion

Be the Best Subordinate and Boss for Christ!

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

30 Oct **PS MATTHEW LO** (BPJ) and **PS SHARON FONG** (WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Discipleship in the Family

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:1-4** // Sermon: **PS BARNEY LAU**

### Introduction

1. There are no perfect parents or children.
2. Authentic discipleship, not merely relationship! “In the Lord” exhortation for children and parents (vv.1-4), wives and husbands (Eph 5:22-33), and slaves and masters (Eph 6:5-9). Grounded in mutual submission (Eph 5:21), being filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18), walking worthy of our calling (Eph 4:1), anchored in Christ's love (Eph 3:19).
3. Intentional discipling in the family! This begins with godly wife-and-husband relationship so children have a model of submission (obedience and honour), so that parents have spiritual and moral authority to disciple their children.

#### **A. Children, Honour Your Parents (vv.1-3)**

1. Honour our parents because it is:
  - a. Righteous – “for this is right” (v.1), not just lawful in accordance with the Greco-Roman society
  - b. Response to the grace we have in Christ — “in the Lord” (v.1)
  - c. Required by God – verses 2-3 quoted Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16
  - d. Reward of a good and long life (v.3)
2. Obedience is the duty; honour is the disposition of which obedience is born.
3. Honouring our parents is for children of all ages and a choice we make.
4. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees of not honoring parents in Mark 7:9-13.

#### **B. Parents, Disciple Your Children (v.4)**

1. Addressed specifically to the fathers, although it can apply to both parents.
2. Fathers — chief discipling in the family — can partner, but cannot outsource!
3. Paul advocated parenting that is:
  - a. In control, not controlling – “do not...but...”
  - b. Supportive, not provocative – “do not provoke...but bring them up”
  - c. Authoritative, not authoritarian – “in the discipline and instruction”
  - d. Godly, not worldly – “of the Lord”
4. It is well documented that socially competent children are products of homes in which the parenting style is both authoritative and supportive.<sup>1</sup>
5. A balanced and dynamic model (authoritative and supportive) of parenting styles sensitive and adaptive to child's progressing maturing and needs: Telling, Teaching and Delegating, with Modelling extending through all three styles.<sup>2</sup>
6. Parenting foundation: covenant (love and be loved), grace (forgive and be forgiven), empowering (serve and be served) and intimacy (know and be known).

### Conclusion

There is no perfect family, but we have a perfect Father. So it's never too late! Instead, be strong in the Lord (Eph 6:10)!

<sup>1</sup>Jack O. Balswick and Judith K. Balswick, *The Family: A Christian Perspective on the Contemporary Home*, 3 edition (Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic, 2007), 113 & 120.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*, 117-120.