

## » 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  
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DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

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# SERMON OUTLINE



## Marketplace Discipleship

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:5-9** Sermon: **REV TONY YEO**

### 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 IVAN HO**

### Introduction

Ephesians 5:15-21 – living wisely in evil days, doing the Lord's will, being filled with the Spirit, and growing in spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9 – instruction on the Christian's proper conduct within and outside the household. Discipleship is clearly in view: There is a reference to Christ for each set of human relationships. Our primary relationship with Christ governs all our other relationships with people. His Lordship must be evident.

#### Two key things Christians need to practise for Discipleship in the Family:

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

1. Obey them “in the Lord” means to obey as part of our Christian discipleship, because of our relationship and submission to the Lord.
2. For it is right/righteous, i.e. it is the fair, proper, reasonable and natural thing to do.
3. Honour your father and mother — fifth of the Ten Commandments. A promise is attached to it (Exo 20:12; Deut 5:16). Honour includes reverence/respect, obedience, help and care.
4. Application: Adult children handling conflicts with parents  
Two general principles: 1. Lordship of Christ – obey “in the Lord”; 2. Application of wisdom – obeying the Lord and honouring our parents are not mutually exclusive.
5. Application: Adult children relating to ageing parents  
Honour them, even if they are dishonourable, because it's not so much about their worthiness, but the Lord's worthiness to be obeyed. Do so by showing respect, remembering them, caring for them, praying for their needs and sharing the Gospel. They will then experience God's love and grace.

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

1. “Fathers” can refer to both fathers and mothers, but here fathers are specifically addressed.
2. Don't provoke your children to anger. It can lead to resentment, bitterness and discouragement. Rule out certain behaviours: “excessively severe discipline, unreasonably harsh demands, abuse of authority, arbitrariness, unfairness, constant nagging and condemnation, subjecting the child to humiliation, and all forms of gross insensitivity to a child's needs and sensibilities” (Lincoln).
3. Intentional Disciple Making Families  
“Bring them up” (literally means to nourish or feed them) – gently and tenderly raise them to maturity by providing for their physical and psychological needs. Here, “discipline” means education or training in a comprehensive sense – physical, mental, moral.  
“Instruction” refers to the more specific aspect of this training that takes place through verbal admonition or correction. “Of the Lord” means “the training and instruction is in the sphere of the Lord or has Him as its reference point...learning Christ and being instructed in the truth that is in Jesus occur not only within the Christian community as a whole, but also and particularly within the family, coming from fathers whose lives are being shaped by this Christ-centred apostolic tradition” (O'Brien).
5. Application: Practise the **God-centric model** where the children are invited to come and join the parents in doing the Lord's will.
6. Application: Build the **relationship**. Spend one-to-one time with each child. Without a good relationship, we cannot help them face struggles in life and develop relationship with God through the Gospel and prayer.

### Conclusion

Two burdens:

1. **Reconciliation** with your parents, and between your parents and God.
2. **Relationship** with your children, and between your children and God.

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