

Redeeming Relationships



Employees and Employers

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Exodus 21:16^(ESV)

Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

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Exodus 21:2 (ESV)

When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing.

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Leviticus 25:10^(ESV)

And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan.

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Deuteronomy 35:15-16^(ESV)

You shall not give up to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you. ¹⁶ He shall dwell with you, in your midst, in the place that he shall choose within one of your towns, wherever it suits him. You shall not wrong him.

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Employee

- Spirit-filled character
- A Godward attitude
- A worthy motivation

Titus 2:9-10

Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

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Employer

- A Godward attitude
- A lack of threatening