

“Who’s In Charge . . . Of Your Life” - Zanga Schutte, November 5, 2023

You . . . Friends . . . Family . . . Job . . . Business . . . Church . . . Or Allow Jesus Christ To Be In Charge

If Jesus is in charge of our Life then:

- 1. God is our Boss**
- 2. We are His EMPLOYEES**
- 3. Our everyday salary is called LIFE**
- 4. Our benefits are BLESSINGS**
- 5. And our reward is called Eternal Life.**

1. God is our BOSS Psalm 24:1-2 NIV ¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Notes: Because “the earth is the LORD’s,” all people are its stewards and caretakers. When God created the earth and filled it, he said that it was good. One responsibility he gave us was to care for and watch over it. We still have that responsibility. Whether we have a backyard garden, or a particular concern for the wilderness, cattle, let us do our part to preserve, keep clean, and care for God’s creation. By so doing we can better enjoy it and praise God for all he has made.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13 NIV ¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

2. We are His EMPLOYEES Colossians 3:23-24 NIV ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Notes: Since Creation, God has given people work to do. If we could regard our work as an act of worship or service to God, such an attitude would take some of the drudgery and boredom out of it. We could work without complaining or resentment if we would treat the challenges related to our jobs as part of the cost and privilege of being Jesus’ disciples.

1 Corinthians 3:9 NIV For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Notes: God’s work involves many different individuals with a variety of gifts and abilities. There are no superstars in this task, only team members performing their own special roles. We can become useful members of God’s team by setting aside our desire to receive glory for what we do. Don’t seek the worthless praise that comes from people. Instead, seek approval from God.

3. Our everyday salary is called LIFE John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Notes: As the *Way*, Jesus is our path to the Father. He provides clear direction to God. As the *Truth*, he is the reality of all God’s promises. He provides certainty to people whose lives seem confused and unstable. As the *Life*, he joins his divine life to ours, both now and eternally. Jesus offers full and complete satisfaction to those who follow him.

Romans 14:8 NIV If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

4. Our benefits are BLESSINGS Numbers 6:24-26 NIV ²⁴ “The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Notes: A blessing was one way of asking for God’s divine favor to rest upon others. -That God would, 1) bless and protect his people, 2) smile on them (be pleased with them), 3) be gracious (merciful and compassionate) to them, 4) show them his favor (give them his approval), and 5) give them peace. When you ask God to bless others or yourself, in a sense you are asking him to do these five things. The blessing you offer will not only help the person who receives it. It will also encourage others and provide a model of caring to those who are watching.

Psalm 20:4 NIV May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

5. And our reward is called ETERNAL LIFE John 3:16-17 NIV ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 10:27-28 NIV ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

In Closing: Ask yourself, “Who’s in Charge of my Life today? If it’s not Jesus, then make the change today. For Jesus came to give us Life and Life to the Full **Amen & Amen**