

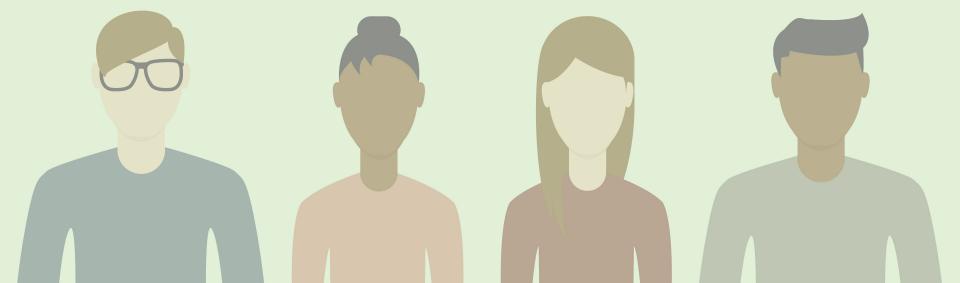
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# **Conflict Resolution**

## Communication

#### **Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20**

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- 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



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## Marriage

Husbands and Wives

## Family

Parents and Children

## Workplace

Employers and Employees

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

Aristotle

If you have a job without any aggravations, you probably don't have a job.

Malcoln Fornes

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

Theodore Roosevelt

I am convinced that nothing we do is more important than hiring and developing people. At the end of the day you bet on people, not on strategies.

Larry Bossidy CEO, Allied

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- 1 Now these are the rules that you shall set before them.
- When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing.
- If he is unmarried, he shall go out unmarried; if he comes married, then his wife shall go out with him.

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- 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's', and he shall go out alone.
- 5 But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free',
- 6 then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.



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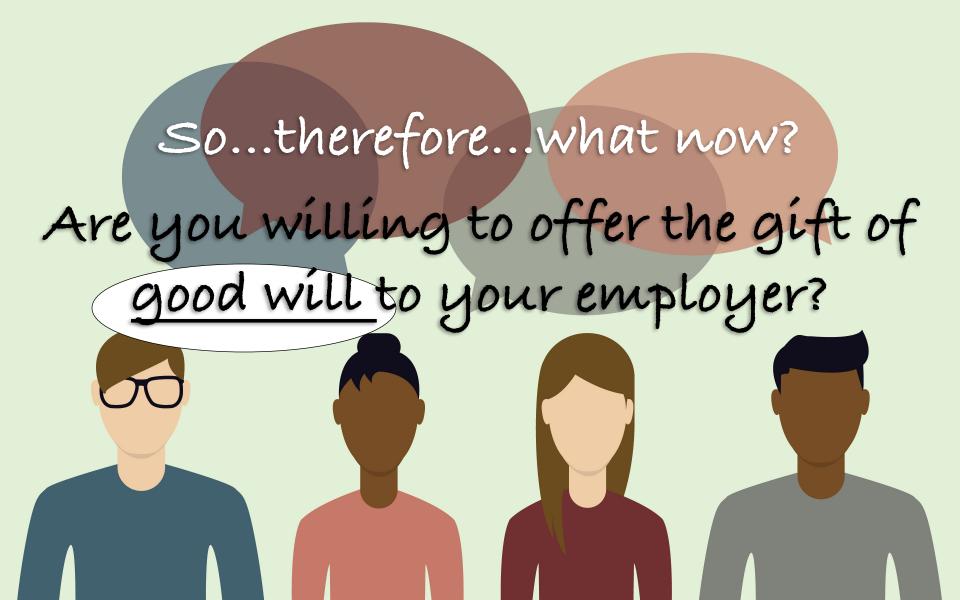
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# "Exactly"....

...that is why 'mutually submissive' workplace relationships have to be empowered by the Holy Spirit,...
...our surrender and obedience to Christ day by day.

