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Employers Made New Colossians 4:1

◆ Four Fundamental Truths

◊ The <u>boss</u> has a <u>boss</u> in heaven.

◊ The boss's <u>attitude</u>, <u>effort</u>, and <u>integrity</u> matters as much or <u>more</u> as the employees'.

◊ In addition, bosses will give an <u>account</u> for how they <u>treat</u> their employees.

◊ The boss's <u>boss</u> does not <u>favor</u> bosses.

◆A "Put Off" and Two "Put Ons" for Bosses
◊ Stop <u>threatening</u>.

♦ Start being just. Do what is right.

◊ Start being <u>fair</u>, not playing <u>favorites</u>.

♦ Where to Look If You Have a Boss Bossing in an Ungodly Manner

◊ Look in the <u>mirror</u>. *Matthew* 7:5

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◊ Look at the cross. 1 Peter 2:18-23

• Ungodly bosses are providing opportunities to be like Jesus.

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## Application Questions Employers Made New Doug Rutt, Pastor-Teacher Colossians 4:1 April 17, 2016

- 1. Review: Do you have a specific example of how the recent teaching on work has impacted your life?
- 2. Icebreakers: Do you have any memorable exchanges with a boss/employer? If you were to write an acrostic for a good boss what 4 words would you use?
  - 1. B 2. O
  - 3. S 4. S
- 3. What was encouraging or challenging to you from this week's teaching?
- 4. Why is using threats not consistent with being a boss who has been redeemed?
- 5. What are better tactics than threats?
- 6. Jesus warned against *"lording your authority over people"*. What does that look like in a practical way?
- 7. How is favoritism destructive in the workplace?
- 8. Has there ever been a time when a "speck" in someone else's eye became the catalyst for removing a "log" in your own?
- 9. How are you particularly challenged by 1 Peter 2:18-23?