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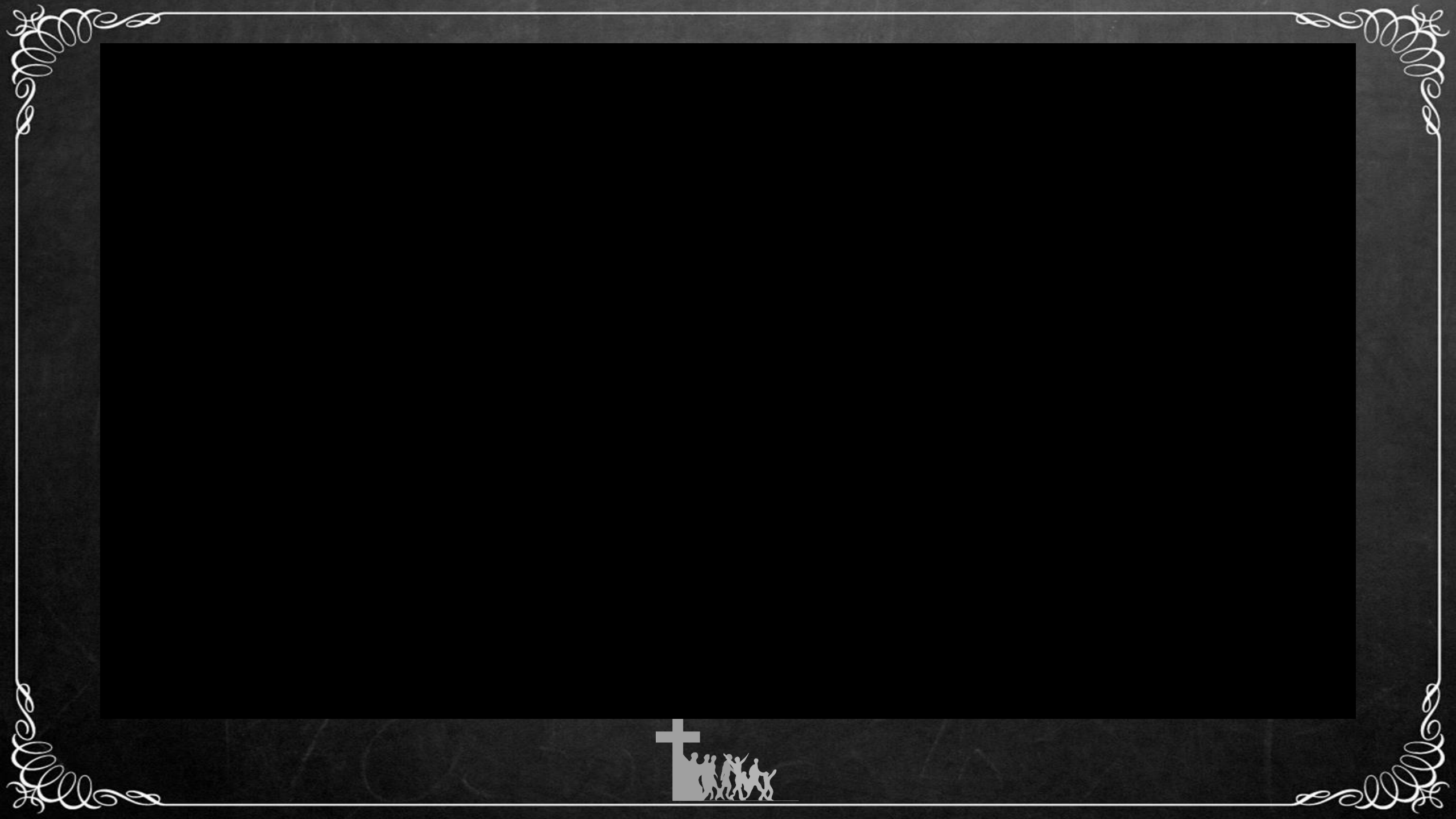
⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. ⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.



Why should we work???

- To further social Justice in the world???
- To be personally honest and evangelize to your colleagues???
- To do skillful and excellent work???
- To create beauty and expression of Art???
- To glorify God, and influence culture???
- To make money to feed and provide for my family???





Why???

Genesis 2 New International Version (NIV)

1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Work hard
so
you can
shop
harder



What???

Matthew 6:33 New International Version
(NIV)

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Numbers 13:33

³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”



How???

Colossians 3:23-24 New International Version (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.



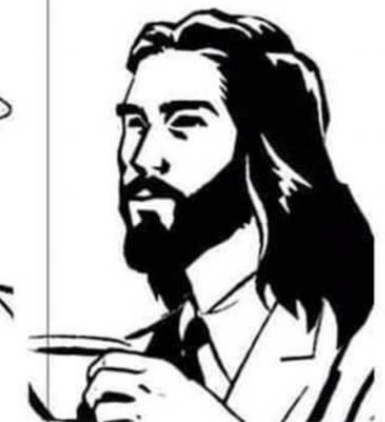
Should I add a little fish symbol to the corner of my landscaping company's logo, Jesus?



To what end, Carl?



Obviously so people will know they're dealing with a Christian company



Let's leave it off and see if they can figure that out by your workmanship, work ethic and honesty instead



Conclusion

- How have you grown in your Christian life since you came to faith in Jesus Christ?
- What do those around you see, as you go about your hustle?
- What do you need to change to reflect Christ better in your work?

