

## **The Abused Have Become The Abusers**

**Labourers, over the course of human history, have usually been mistreated. As the feudal system was replaced by the work-houses in the Industrial Revolution; conditions worsened rapidly. The English authour, Charles Dickens wrote many novels depicting the oppressive situations that many were in; especially children. The happy ending of Oliver Twist, was only a dream to most. If only all those who professed to be Christians, lived like Our Lord Jesus Christ; many tragedies would not have happened. Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. (Colossians 4:1)**

**It didn't take the owners too long to figure out, that increasing the burdens increased their profits. They clearly were abusing their power and authority. They clearly had forgotten the Bible's teachings on Godly management, labour relationships. Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. (Ephesians 6:5-9)**

**So, the workers banded together in associations, to get better treatment. And if they didn't get what they wanted; they collectively took action. Their tactics included work slow-downs, work to rule, boycotts, rotating strikes, abuse of sick leave, full strikes, not crossing other picket lines, using the public as**

**hostages (schools, police, hospitals, transportation), etc. The workers who professed to be Christians; forgot to behave like Our Lord Jesus Christ. Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. (Colossians 3:22-25)**

**Over the years, the power of the unions increased. They now threatened governments, unless their demands were met. By waiting for a strategic time, they could maximize the impact. FIFA will be starting soon in Brazil. The transportation workers have walked off the job, waiting for a large pay increase to go back to work. Education workers like to wait until the beginning of the school year, to do their stunts.**

**Here, in Ontario, we are in a Provincial Election. And it is getting very nasty. Ontario is one of the few jurisdictions that doesn't have any limits on third party advertising. And they are going hog-wild. The Province is under credit watch. If the governing Liberals are re-elected; we will be down-graded shortly after. That will raise the interest rates that have to be paid on the ballooning deficit and debt.**

**When someone is in financial straits; a normal person cuts back until the condition has improved. Not here, in Ontario. The Liberals and the New Democratic Party want to increase taxes and spending. The Progressive Conservatives want to bring back sanity to the public finances. What are the unions doing? Are they willing to help the province get back on its feet?**

**The public service gets 20% more money than the private**

**sector. Their work week is also 25% shorter. They have a pension, and a good one; that most private sector workers don't. But they are demanding their big wage increases. So they are actively supporting the Liberals. They have launched a major media blitz. Not having any limits on them, they are spending ten times more money on ads than the PCs. Even the OPP union is involved in this campaign to trash the PCs. Truly, the abused have become the abusers.**

**The rank and file of the unions mostly do not support the union activities. But the execs have steam-rolled over them, and gone ahead. Hopefully, the members will not be conjoled into voting as the union has instructed them. Hopefully, they will demand an emergency meeting, and dump those union dictators. Voting is in a few days now. Stay tuned for the results.**

**We are praying as Paul mentioned. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)**

**No matter what happens; God is still in control. He sent His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ down here to Shed His Blood, and pay the penalty for our sins. Our Lord Jesus Christ has advice for everyone. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. (John 3:7)**

**He still wants you to spend Eternity with Him, and His Heavenly Father. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

**And he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? So they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household. (Acts 16:30-31)**

**For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)**

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