

# L21 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Work | Col. 3:22-4:1

## I. Intro/Review:

- Institution of Government
  - Government - Restrain violence/protect life (can be corrupted "crooked and perverse")
  - Citizens - do good/pay taxes (do good even in the midst of "crookedness and perverseness")

## II. Preview:

- Institution of Work
  - Relationship with other institutions
  - Roles and responsibilities - Masters/Servants

## III. Sermon:

- Institution of Work
  - Relationship with other institutions
    1. Institution of Government - means to pay taxes
    2. Institution of Family/Marriage - means to provide for family
    3. Institution of Business
      - Spiritual parallel - wages, recompence, forgiveness
- Masters/Servants
  - Ephesians 6:5-9
    1. Notice authority - those "under" referenced first
      - Creator/creature
      - Husband/wife
      - Parents/children
      - Gov't/citizens
      - Masters/servants
      - Elders & deacons/members
    2. Instructions for believing masters & servants as the other institutions beside institution of government concerning the government
      - Believing servants and how they live toward believing and unbelieving masters
      - Believing masters and how they rule over believing and unbelieving servants
    3. A greater identity than whether master or servant or free
      - Col. 3:11 - bond or free
      - 1 Cor. 12:13 - bond or free
      - 1 Cor. 7:20-24
      - Old Testament - Ex. 21:1-6; Deut. 15:15-18
    4. Servants

- Eph. 6:5-8
- Col. 3:22-25
- Tit. 2:9-15
- 1 Pet. 2:18-25
- 1 Tim. 6:1-19

5. Masters

- Eph. 6:9
- Col. 4:1

6. Work hard

- Rom. 12:11
- 2 The. 3:6-14

1. Be careful with riches

- 1 Tim. 6:6-11
- 1 Tim. 6:17-19

2. Lead a quiet and peaceable life

- 1 Tim. 2:1-8

**IV. Conclusion:**