

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16



Created for Him!

**Working for Jesus!
Colossians 3:22-4:1**

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Servants = doulos - a servant, attendant, or slave.

✓ Paul's self-description - I Tim 1:12

✓ An office of the local church - I Tim 3:8

✓ The role and identity of those who serve Jesus' Kingdom - Paul, James, Peter

*will work
for Jesus*

For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. Phil. 15-17

“It is clearly incongruous for a Christian master to ‘own’ a brother in Christ in the contemporary sense of the word, and although the existing order of society could not be immediately changed by Christianity without a political revolution (Which was clearly contrary to Christian principles), the Christian master-slave relationship was so transformed from within that it was bound to lead ultimately to the abolition of the system.” (Donald Guthrie, *New Testament Introduction*)

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“Whatever you do:” All honest
work is a service of worship!

Honor?
Yes!

All honest work is
employment to Jesus!

Status
symbol?
No!

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom 12:1, 2

Worship of Jesus is more than a song we sing. It is a fully consecrated life we live.