

YOUR WORK MATTERS: Monday through Saturday Faith Who do you work for?

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23 NLT

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Sermon Summary

In Colossians Paul has lots to say about how your relationship with Jesus impacts your personal and family lives. But, he doesn't stop there. In Colossians 3, he speaks to three ways your relationship with Christ should impact your attitude and approach to your work. After examining how your relationship with Christ should impact your approach and attitude to worship, you'll take a practical look at how you can discover the WORK He's custom designed you to do.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. 25 But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. 1 Masters, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven.

Colossians 3:22-4:1 NLT

Diving Into The Message

Your Work Matters because . . .

1. You Serve Others Through Your Work.

Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Col. 3:22

2. You Worship Christ Through Your Work.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Col. 3:23

3. You Are Rewarded by Christ for Your Work.

Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Col. 3:24

4. You Reflect Christ Through Your Work

Masters, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven.

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Since we serve others, worship Christ, receive a reward for, and reflect Christ through our work, we should discover the WORK He's designed us to do.

Living Sent

HOW DO I FIND THE WORK GOD DESIGNED ME TO DO?

1. Honestly Examine and Evaluate Yourself.

Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. **Romans 12:3 b NLT**

2. Diligently Apply Yourself to the Work at Hand.

Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress. **1 Tim. 4:15 NLT**

3. Expectantly Trust God as You Step Out in Faith

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. **Eccles. 11:4 NLT**

Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed. **Prov. 16:3 NLT**

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Life Application Questions

1. Is there a person you need to serve at work?
2. How do you approach your work (paid and volunteer)? Are you doing it “as though you were working for the Lord?”
3. What are some obstacles to worshipping through your work? Discuss with your group some ways you can honestly face and overcome obstacles to worshipping through your work.
4. What are some ways a Christian employer can reflect Christ to his or her employees. If you are an employer or supervisor, in what ways are you reflecting Christ to your team members?
5. Share a time you discovered work that you were doing was not a fit. It wasn't what God designed you to do. How did you make a change? What role did faith and trust in Christ play?
6. Is there a step of faith God is prompting you to take? If the answer is yes, and your ready, share with your group.

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