

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

We've all been told, "Do your best," because we've all had times when we were tempted to give less. You may believe that your effort doesn't matter, or isn't noticed, or that "just doing enough" is okay. What if we're wrong? How would life be different if someone is noticing, and our effort does matter, and doing our best is always the best approach?

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever seen someone suffer because they gave something important a half-effort? What do you think were the reasons why they didn't give their best?
2. Describe a time when you gave your best. What was the situation and how would you describe your effort?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read Ephesians 3:17, 22-24. Describe how these instructions to the church at Colossae, and specifically, to slaves within the church might apply to you.
4. Are there times when the quality of your effort, work, or lifestyle is different based on if you are anticipating an immediate reward? If so, what effect does that have on you, your reputation, or your faith? Do you agree, that if this is true, it would be insincere?
5. Are there things in life that you are pursuing simply because of the reward involved? If the reward were not there, do you feel that you would still be doing it, and that the Lord would approve?

NEXT STEPS

6. If everything you did tomorrow was done as "working for the Lord" what would be different about you? What would people see and hear that is different?
7. What is a small step forward in the right direction?