

Scripture:

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.

Notes:

BOTTOM LINE: Our work ethic and work attitude are not to be dictated by our situations or status but by our Savior.

Our compliance in the work place is to be rooted in compliance to Christ

- Obey in everything
- Fulfill your agreement
- Do your best (sincerely)

Our attitude in the work place is rooted in our Audience

- Work heartily
- Work for the Lord
- Still work for men

Our reward in the work place is to be rooted in a future inheritance

- Know God's faithfulness
- Anticipate future inheritance
- Who is our master?
- Do your best

Leading in the work place is to be rooted in being led by Christ

- Treat employees justly
- Treat employees fairly
- Treat employees with humility

"The virtue of disciples commends the teacher more than any letter."

- John Chrysostom

This Week

- Identify one work relationship you are struggling with at the moment. What will you do about it?
- Re-read Colossians 3:5-17. How are you getting rid of sin and putting on Christlikeness.
- As an employee, consider your work ethic and work attitude?
- As a leader/boss, consider your leadership practices and treatment of staff.