

*Life Matters More When You Honor God With Your Vocation!*  
*Life Matters More When You Honor God, Pt.5*

Colossians 3:22-24

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**Psalm 128:2**, *When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you.*

**Colossians 3:22**, *Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

**Colossians 4:5**, *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

**Six Principles For Being A Great Witness At Work:**

**1. Work With INTEGRITY**

**Colossians 3:22**, *...not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor...*

**Luke 16:10**, *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”*

**Proverbs 13:11**, *Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, but the one who gathers by labor increases it.*

**2. Work With GOOD INTENTIONS**

**Colossians 3:22**, *...with sincerity of heart...*

**Proverbs 10:4**, *Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. <sup>5</sup>He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.*

**3. Work Wherever You Are PASSIONATE**

**Colossians 3:23**, *Whatever you do...*

**Ecclesiastes 10:10**, *If the axe is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.*

**Colossians 3:17**, *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

**4. Work With All YOUR HEART**

**Colossians 3:23**, *...work at it with all your heart...*

**Proverbs 14:23**, *In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:10**, *For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.*

**Romans 12:11**, *Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.*

**5. Work For God And Not Your BOSS OR BOARD**

**Colossians 3:23**, *...working for the Lord, not for human masters...*

**Proverbs 28:19**, *He who tills his land will have plenty of food, but he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.*

**6. Work With Godly MOTIVATION**

**Colossians 3:24**, *since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

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

**Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

- If you are out of work, please email me at [pastor@cottonwoodcreek.org](mailto:pastor@cottonwoodcreek.org) so I can pray daily for you.
- Answer the following questions with brutal honesty: Are you working with integrity, good intentions, passion and with all your heart for the Lord? Do you see your work as your daily mission field?
- Pastor's Men's Bible Study will continue their new series entitled, 'Becoming A Man God Uses.' Join us every Tuesday at 6:00a in room A234.