

Colossians 3:22-4:6

3 ²² Slaves, 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. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 ¹ Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom towards outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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ALL IN FOR CHRIST

In working life
Colossians 3:22-4:6

- only one life

MOTIVATION: the point of work

- serve the Lord (3:23-24)
- avoid the pitfalls
 - o fulltime fallacy
 - o caring confusion
 - o division delusion

MANNER: the way to work

- be obedient (3:22a)
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- be conscientious (3:22b)
- be wholehearted 3:23)
- be patient (3:24-4:1)

MISSION: the gospel at work

- the work of the Lord ¹
- pray for doors to open (4:2-4)
- act with grace and wisdom (4:5-6)



Discussion questions

*How has this talk helped you view your daily work?
What will you take with you from this into your work
this afternoon?*

¹ 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:9-10; Philippians 2:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13