COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1 "The New Life at Work"

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The New Life and My Work

• Jesus Changes Everything

The American Workplace

- Debt, Costs and Making Ends Meet
- Morality in the Workplace
- Signs of Jesus Return Rom 1:29, 2 Tim 3:2 Trucebreakers

COLOSSIANS 3:22-24

Servants Obey Your Masters

- Real Slavery and The Roman Empire
- Rome was Immoral and Lazy!

Slavery and The Bible

- The Gospel: Changed Men, Change the World
- Philemon: Col 4:10
- Christianity and Slavery
- Phil 1:12 Changing Rome from Prison

COLOSSIANS 3:24

1. A Christian Recognizes that God is His Employer

- Lifts and Sanctifies Your Job
- Sacred and Secular
- Most of the People in the Bible

Seeing Your Work Differently

- Serving a Heavenly Boss
- 2 Tim 4:2 "In season and out of season"

COLOSSIANS 3:22-23

2. Work Hard, Do it Heartily

• Eph 6:6 "doing the will of God from the heart"

COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1 "The New Life at Work"

• The Ministry and Busy People

The Standard of Work

• Eye-service, Sincerity, Fearing God

Jesus the Carpenter

- Mt 3:17 "With whom I am well pleased"
- The Workplace and Your Mission Field

COLOSSIANS 3:24-25

3. God Will Reward You

- Heavenly Reward for Secular Work
- Mt 25 Parable of the Talents: Faithful work, Greater Rewards

No Partiality – Everyone Gets Paid

- Gal 6:7-8 For and Against
- A Fallen Unfair World Rom 8:28, Phil 4:19

COLOSSIANS 4:1

Christian Employers

• Your Master-Boss is Also in Heaven

Same Principle: You Serve God

- Just, Fair and Respect
- Jam 5:4 God Hears and Sees
- Your Business & Position is Your Mission Field

"I wouldn't do that for a Million Dollars"