

## Work Heartily For Christ

*Colossians 3:22-4:1*

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### I. Be sincere in your service. *Colossians 3:22*

Strong's concordance says a "**bondservant**" is a slave, one who gives himself up to another's will; those whose service is used by Christ in extending and \_\_\_\_\_ His cause among men.

- Employees in the ancient world were similar to being a slave, except with the \_\_\_\_\_ to quit and move to other employment.
- We make the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the Lord. *John 1:11-12*
- We lay down our \_\_\_\_\_ and count ourselves slaves for God.
- We must be motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ for our master.

Christian, as a volunteer you are working for Jesus as well, so we should offer Him our best, not our \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. Everything you do... *Colossians 3:23*

If you are in Christ; Jesus is to have the **preeminence** in your life \_\_\_\_\_; which means, "to be first, hold the **first place**".

- "**Heartily**" means, "from the \_\_\_\_\_, the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul. Strong's G5594)".

### III. The Lord rewards his servants. *Colossians 3:24-4:1*

Our rewards are based upon the service we did "**heartily**" for the Lord; but our \_\_\_\_\_ to serve should not be just to get rewards, but to know the Lord better and please Him.

- "The regenerate will be judged by their works at the \_\_\_\_\_ and the result will be either reward or the lack of it." (Radmacher)

The Great White Throne Judgment is for anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' free gift of salvation and chooses to stand before God in their own righteousness, without the forgiveness of sin. *Revelation 20:11-15*

### IV. Practical Application.

The Lord is an intelligent designer, but He also loves you with an undying love; now as a response we become \_\_\_\_\_.

- A Christian employee should be known as the hardest working, \_\_\_\_\_ employee, because their ultimate boss is the Lord Jesus.

### Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read *Colossians 3:22 and Exodus 21:2-6*. Discuss the meaning of a **bondservant**. How were employees in ancient Rome similar to slaves; how were they different?  
*Leviticus 25:39, Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:11, Deuteronomy 5:14, Job 31:13-15, Deuteronomy 23:15-16, 1 Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9-10*
2. Discuss the ways Christians are **bondservants** to Christ listed in point I. of the sermon note sheet.  
*John 1:11-12, 1 Corinthians 7:22-23, 1 Corinthians 5:14, Ephesians 5:21*
3. Read *Colossians 3:23*. Discuss the meaning of "**heartily**". Why is a Christ-follower called to place Jesus in first position of their life? How can a Christian ensure everything in their lives is done for Christ?  
*Colossians 1:18, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 13:44-46, Ephesians 1:22-23, Exodus 20:3*
4. Read *Colossians 3:24*. Discuss the differences between the Bema Seat and the Great White Throne judgments.  
*1 Corinthians 4:2, 1 Corinthians 3:9-15, Revelation 20:11-15, Hebrews 8:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
5. Read *Colossians 3:25*. Discuss the Lord's view on favoritism.  
*Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9, James 2:1,9*
6. Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon.