

Colossians – Chapter 3

“Putting on Christ in the Workplace”

Colossians 3:22-25

Verses 22-23

1. When our heart is established with the graces we discussed in verses 12-14, how does this impact our daily work life? Paul again will get real practical and show us.
2. Servanthood was embedded in the culture of Bible times. It was extremely common. In fact, in Paul's day, at least _____ of the people were servants working under the authority of another person.
3. Paul taught that there are **no** _____ distinctions in the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11
 - Paul also taught that God is no respecter of persons, and eternal rewards are given on an absolutely _____ basis.
Ephesians 6:8-9
4. But, the reality is that we live in a _____ creation, and we have to be able to function in a Christ-like way in whatever social or cultural situation we may find ourselves.
5. Paul taught believers to glorify Christ and reflect His _____, no matter your social status. 1 Corinthians 7:20-22

Verse 24

1. What is the application of this in the context of our work life? When we work our earthly jobs to provide for our needs, we must keep in mind that ultimately we are working for Jesus Christ, because it's **His** inheritance that we will _____ in eternally.
2. Our earthly work is but preparation for our ultimate work that we will fulfill in the heavenlies.
3. Your hard, diligent work and your godly attitude may go unnoticed by your _____ boss, but it does not go unnoticed by Christ.

Verse 25

1. Paul seems to be encouraging believing servants in this verse. “If you are receiving _____ from unjust masters, God will take care of it.” There is a day of accountability in which God *“will render to every man according to his deeds... For there is no respect of persons with God.”* Romans 2:6, 11
2. What is the practical application for us today?
 - God is not _____ by earthly position. Whether you are a blue collar laborer or a corporate executive, God expects you to put on Christ, and treat others with love and all the other fruits in vs. 12-13.
 - If another person has taken advantage of you, or treated you _____ in your work environment, don’t get bitter. Leave it with the Lord, and keep working as unto Him! Remember, ultimately you are serving Christ!