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Finding God in Our Work

Colossians 3.22-4.1

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60% to 80% of a person's waking hours on this planet are consumed with an activity called "work."



Colossians & Philemon

- ✓ Both were written while Paul was in prison (Phm. 1, 10, 12, 23, and Col. 4.18)
- ✓ Timothy joined Paul in both Epistles (Phm. 1 and Col. 1.1)
- ✓ Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke join in the greetings of both (Phm. 23, 24 and Col. 4.10-14)
- ✓ Onesimus was one of the messengers by whom the epistle to the Colossians was sent. (Col. 4.7-9)



Serving Christ thereby serving others

- With sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. v.22
- With all your heart . . . as working for the Lord, not for men. v.23
- Receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. v.24
- It is the Lord you are serving. v.24
- Mastersyou also have a Master in Heaven. 4.1



For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 2 Thessalonians 3.7-10





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Cultural values vs. Kingdom values

Defined by the culture

Culturally confined

Time-bound truth

Limited to context

Local application

Defined by Scripture

Beyond cultural limits

Timeless truth

Transferable to any
context

Universal application



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Jesus' work

- ✓ *In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his **work** to this very day, and I too am working. Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. John 5.17 & 19*
- ✓ *The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his **work**. John 14.10*



We are Co-workers

*For we are **co-workers** in God's service;
you are God's field, God's building. 1
Corinthians 3.9*

*As God's **co-workers** we urge you not to
receive God's grace in vain. 2 Corinthians
6.1*



Our Goal in Our Work

- ✓ *Do not **work** for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. John 6.27*
- ✓ *If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their **work** will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's **work**. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 1 Corinthians 3.12-14*



Questions about success

- How do I measure success in my work and career?
- How can I start achieving my definition of success?
- What do I need to do to become more successful?
- How can I leverage my success to beat out my competitors?



Questions of Significance

- Is my work and career in alignment with God's plans for my life?
- How well am I serving God in the workplace?
- Is blessing others at my work a priority?
- Am I bringing glory to God through my work and career?





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NEW SERVICE TIMES
effective Easter Sunday, April 12



1st Service: 9-10:30 A.M.
2nd Service: 11-12:30 A.M.