

Rooted in Christ
13. Living for Christ at work (Colossians 3v22-4v1)

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Introduction

- What difference does Christ make at work?
- The key: **who we work for not what we do**

Who we are working for (v22-24)

- *“as working for the Lord, not for men”*

How we are to work (v22-23)

- not *“eye service”*
- but *wholeheartedly*

The reward for our work (v24-25)

- *“an inheritance from the Lord”*
- a warning

What about those who are managers? (4v1)

- *“what is right and fair”*
- masters are slaves too!

Conclusion

Bible references: 2 Cor. 5:10

Colossians 3v17-4v1 (NIV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

4:1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.