

Do All for the Lord

Colossians 3:23 (NASB)

Whatever you do, **do your work heartily**, as for the Lord rather than for men

- “Whatever you do” is literal and comprehensive
- In the Greek it says “from the soul” (heartily)
- Men are unjust but God is always perfectly just
- For the Christian, nothing is truly mundane
- “Work” is **imperative** in the Greek

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God Rewards Faithful Service

Colossians 3:24 (NET)

because you know that you will receive your inheritance from the Lord as the reward. **Serve the Lord Christ**

- “Serve” is **imperative** in the Greek
- Knowing the truth about eternal justice gives present motivation
- Even if we have no inheritance in this life, we have an eternal one

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God Is Impartial

Colossians 3:25 (NASB)

For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that **without partiality**.

- This truth applies to all, in context: slaves and slave owners
- Judgment is eternal and includes actions
- The wrong-doer will bear the results of his own actions
- God is not impressed by worldly status

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Christian Masters Are to Be Equitable

Colossians 4:1 (NASB)

Masters, grant to your slaves **justice and fairness**, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

- We all have a Master in heaven
- "Grant" is **imperative** in the Greek
- All are accountable to God and should live accordingly
- We should have a godly response to life situations

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Implications and Applications

- We must by faith do everything for the Lord
- The Bible gives eschatological reward as present, ethical motivation
- God does not show partiality

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Do All Things for the Lord

2Corinthians 5:15 (NASB)

and He died for all, so that they who live might **no longer live for themselves**, but **for Him who died and rose again on their behalf**.

- Outside of Christ everyone lives for self
- Living for self causes anger and dissatisfaction
- Living for self is temporal and will come to nothing
- Living for Christ means joy now and reward in eternity

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**Believers Work Because the Lord
Commanded It**

1Thessalonians 4:11, 12 (NASB)

and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and **work with your hands**, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and **not be in any need**.

- Our work is part of our testimony
- Work is a means God ordained to meet our needs

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**God Promises Eschatological Reward
for Faithful Service**

Hebrews 11:13, 16 (NASB)

All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. . . . But as it is, **they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

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God Does Not Show Partiality

Romans 2:9-11 (NASB)

There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, but **glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For **there is no partiality with God**.

- Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace."

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