

**COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1** Those who work obey your boss and do all as unto the Lord and not to man; Bosses, treat your employees justly and fairly!

A Relationship of Honesty and Devotion" From *Colossians 3: 22-4:1*. **"It is the Lord Christ I am serving."**

**Key Verses** "*vs. 23-24 "Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men"; [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance for you serve the Lord Christ.*

### **Introduction:**

Your pastor Bert/Lillie 2008 **"For grace and favor with the national pastors in the area"!!!!**

Videos – Sayulita, Haiti, Kiev

Message; **"It is the Lord Christ I am serving."**

### **Prayer:**

Read Scripture Col. 3:22-4:1 - addressed to the saints and faithful brethren in Colosse (also to Laodicea at the end\_:

**"It is the Lord Christ I am serving."**(v. 24)

Who do you serve? Yourself? Your boss? Other people? How about serving the Lord?

**PAST** Before rebirth in Christ – we were dead in our trespasses and sin! But now – born again in Christ’--- 1:27 Gentile mystery –***Christ in you the hope of glory! 3:1 Raised with Christ, seek those things that are above! Set your mind them; Put off the old man (vs. 8-9); Put on the new man (vs. 13-14)***

**PRESENT** - Living the Christian life. - Then - Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**

**And - Col 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

**Relationships** (began with family – (wives, husbands-Rolph, children, fathers-Orate next week)  
- workers and bosses – obey;

**Workers/Slaves/Employees:** Col 3:22 ***Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, obey in all things***

***not with eyeservice*** - That is, you are not buttering up. (Example - glass eye),

***as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.*** Notice how our motivation in working and in being a good worker must be with sincerity of heart, fearing God.

**Col 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord** **This is huge!** Now, that’s just good advice! Whatever you do, do it heartily! It’s an amazing thing. Even in a task, like doing

dishes, it can be a very disgusting kind of a task. And you are washing dishes, you think, oh ugh—dishes, I can't get this off. You're just churning inside. I hate doing the dishes. I can't stand it. And it just makes the task so much more difficult.

**Whereas if you just do it heartily**, well, it's got to be done. I might as well do it, you know. Heartily, you know. It's so much better! And **the attitude of my heart and my mind in these things**, yes they may be routine. Yes, they may be kind of boring and monotonous, over and over type of things, but do it heartily! You will **never be bored stiff with the routine and humdrum** of what you have to do if you recognize that **you are doing it with the eye of the Lord upon you**, with a **desire for His approval**. **Recognize** that one day it will be made open and clear to all whether you did it as unto the Lord or unto men.

**Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord, Lord, You like clean plates! All right! and not to men,** Again, the idea, if you think that I'm doing this as unto men, if I think that I doing this as unto men, I can get so upset! **But, if I do it as unto the Lord, how can you get upset with the Lord?**

**Col 3:24 knowing that** (and this is the key) **from the Lord you will receive the reward; (this would be great news for the slave!)**

Now, I'm not going to get any reward for doing my job well because I told you I do it. So you say, oh, is that wonderful. When I get to heaven, I can't say, Lord, don't You remember all of those things I did such a fine job? Oh, yes, you got your reward for that. **Recognize** that although you may never receive any recognition here on earth from the work that you do, one day it will be made open and clear to all whether you did it as unto the Lord or unto men and if done unto the Lord, He will give you great reward.

**of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Actually we serve the Lord Jesus Christ. That's ALL IMPORTANT! My life is His. I serve Him. And in whatever I do, is unto Him and for Him! "It is the Lord Christ I am serving."**

**In contrast to this, Col 3:25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and** If I do it unto the Lord, the Lord is going to reward me. But if you are doing wrong, if you are doing evil, then the Lord also will judge you. **2 Cor. 5:10**

**and there is no partiality.** Because with God, there is no partiality. He has no respect of person! He doesn't esteem anyone higher than another. When we stand before God, we all stand on the same level. He is no respecter of person. I like that!

**Bosses, Masters/employers - Col 4:1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair,** treat workers justly & fairly

**Example of Boaz!!**

**Ruth 2:[4] Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"**

**knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.** (being a good witness to the Lord) Very important thing that we need to remember. Nobody can really rule properly unless he is

**ruled.** One day – we will answer to the Lord. I have a Master in heaven. I'm going to have to give an account unto Him. It's most important.

**Example of the Centurion in Mt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10** The Centurion, coming to Jesus for the healing of his servant back home, no need to come, just say the word. He said, I understand what authority is about. I am a man of authority and I am under authority. In other words there is the chain. I have authority. I am under authority. And I know that all you have to do is just say the word and my servant will be healed. Jesus marveled at his faith

**FUTURE: Serving Christ; not men**

Col 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; - Then Continuing in prayer, wisdom

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. - meaningful speech with grace

**CLOSE!**

**Believers:**

- Remembering your past, set your mind on things above not on the things of the earth. Put Off the Old Man; Put On the new!
- Worker/servants/ obey your master in sincerity of heart fearing God. Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance for you serve the Lord Christ!
- Bosses treat your employees justly and fairly, for you under the authority of Christ!
- Continue earnestly in prayer; walk in wisdom with sensitivity; let your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt, knowing how to answer.

**Unbelievers call!**