

# Working for Jesus

Colossians 3:22-4:1

## A. Underlings who seek God's will (3:22-25)

- Subject: “bondservants” (v22)
- Instruction: “obey in all things your masters according to the flesh” (v22)
  - *Application to parents and children:*  
Obeying your parents today is preparing you to serve \_\_\_\_\_ later in life.  
Training your children to serve God now at \_\_\_\_\_ will teach them how to do so for the rest of their lives.
  - *The worker's attitude that pleases God:*  
“I am not \_\_\_\_\_; you are, boss.”
    - *Are there exceptions to “obey in all things”?*
- How not to please God at work: to be seen of \_\_\_\_\_. (v22)
  - “eye-service”
  - “as men-pleasers”
- How to please God at work: with knowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ sees all you do. (v22-23)
  - “in sincerity of heart”
  - “fearing God”
  - “heartily”
  - “as to the Lord, and not to men”

- Reason to serve the authority at work: “knowing” it is \_\_\_\_\_. (v24-25)
  - *Reflection on “you serve the Lord Christ”* (v24) –  
When you are serving your boss as if you are serving the Lord, you \_\_\_\_\_ serving the Lord. Imagine that Jesus is your boss, because He is.
  - *Warning against unjust, self-serving work* (v25) –  
“will be repaid” indicates a fitting \_\_\_\_\_ will be received. If no commendable work is performed, no reward will be given.

SALVATION (Eph. 2:8-9, Col. 1:5-6)	REWARDS (Col. 3:24-25)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Offered to unbelievers</li> <li>- Obtained apart from works</li> <li>- Condition on faith at a point in time</li> <li>- Can never be lost</li> <li>- God accepts us forever in Christ</li> <li>- Eternal deliverance from penalty</li> <li>- Equal for all who believe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Offered to believers</li> <li>- Obtained according to works</li> <li>- Conditioned on faithfulness in life</li> <li>- Can be forfeited</li> <li>- God approves of our lives</li> <li>- Eternal privilege and function</li> <li>- Varying degrees available</li> </ul>

- Warnings on loss of reward: Matt. 10:42; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Tim. 2:11-13
- Reward encouragement: Matt. 6:1-4; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Heb. 6:10; Heb. 11:6

## B. Overlings who seek God’s will (4:1)

- Subject: “masters”
- Instruction: “give your bondservants what is just and fair”
  - *Principle on pleasing God through power:*  
Whenever we function in a position of \_\_\_\_\_,  
treat those under your authority like \_\_\_\_\_ treats you.
- Reason: “knowing that you also have a Master in heaven”
  - *Reflection on “Master in heaven”:*  
Nobody lives outside the sight of God. Everyone is under. No matter who you are, you have the \_\_\_\_\_ of living in the sight of God.