

You and Your Work

Colossians 3:22-4:1

Question #1: Does the Bible condone slavery?

- The Bible _____ Roman slavery; it does not _____ every aspect of it.
- Paul has already reminded us that every believer is *chosen*, *holy*, and *beloved* – truths that undermine the very premise of human _____.

Question #2: Can we apply this passage to today's workplace?

- The _____ is different, but the _____ is the same.
- Every Christian works under _____ while ultimately serving the Lord Christ.

The Theology:

1. _____ is a Worker.
Genesis 1
John 5:17
2. _____ was created to work.
Genesis 1:26-28
Genesis 2:15
3. _____ frustrated work.
Genesis 3
4. _____ transforms our work.
Colossians 3:23-24
5. Work continues _____.
Isaiah 65:21-23; Revelation 22:3-5

The Practice:

Christ determines _____ I work. (vv. 22-23)

This includes ...

- *obedience*
- *integrity*
- *sincerity*
- *wholeheartedness*

Christ is the One I work _____. (v. 23)

"You are serving the Lord Christ."

Christ _____ my work. (v. 24)

"... you will receive the inheritance as your reward."

Therefore, I can do my work with _____, _____, and _____.

Why?

... because my faithfulness has _____ significance.

... because Christ _____ what no one else sees.

... because my _____ isn't determined by my vocation.

... because _____ good task is service rendered to Christ.

The moment you became a Christian, your earthly employer was no longer your ultimate Master. Your true Master is the Lord Jesus Christ. So work in a way that honors the Master you will one day meet.