



August 3rd 2008

Sermon Notes

“Our work- God’s Work”

A five-week sermon series looking at the redemptive purpose of work in our lives:

Week 1: Work- Good, Bad, or Neutral? (Genesis 1:26-2:3)

Week 2: When work seems Insignificant (Ecclesiastes 2)

Week 3: Working as an example to Others (2 Thess. 3:6-15)

Week 4: Working as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

Week 5: Working for Heavenly Rewards

“Christians, whatever their work, are, like slaves in Paul’s day, to see it as a service rendered to the Lord. This is what motivates them to give honest, faithful, ungrudging work in return for the pay they receive. Moreover, it imparts a sense of dignity in work, regardless of how unimportant it may seem.”

Curtis Vaughan, Expositors Bible Commentary, vol. 11



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Colossians 3:18-4:1

Christ Our Master

Ephesians 5-6 and Colossians 3: “Household Codes”

Main Point: We honor Christ as our master by _____ to those in positions of authority over us and by not _____ the authority we have been given.

Colossians 3:18-21 Relationships within the family-

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Colossians 3:22-4:1 Relationships in the workplace-

What is my motivation to work?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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Sermon Application Questions



August 4-10, 2008
Daily Readings

For Starters:

1. When have you felt tested between doing what someone else wants you to do (such as an employer), and doing what God wants you to do? How often do you think those two are in conflict?
2. Think about your role within your family. What part of Colossians 3:18-4:1 do you need to take to heart? Do you struggle with obeying others in authority? Do you tend to overuse your authority? How might you reflect Christ more in your decisions that affect your relationships?

For Further Study:

3. Romans chapter 6 is a great passage about dealing with sin on our lives. Read Romans 6:1-23 and think about the concept of Christ being your master: as Christians we are slaves to righteousness.
4. Ephesians 6:1-9 is a very similar passage to the one we studied in Colossians. How are those in authority warned not to abuse their position? Also read Mark 10:35-45 and think about the way Jesus commanded his followers to serve others. How should Christians exercise their authority?

This week we will continue our series “Our work—God’s Work” by looking at what the scriptures say about working for heavenly rewards.

Mon. Aug. 4	Matthew 6:1-24. How do you decide between storing up treasures on earth and treasures in heaven? Do you feel that money is your master? How can you change that feeling?
Tues. Aug 5	Matthew 10:32-42. Notice the rewards spoken of in this passage. What sort of “acts of kindness” store up a reward in heaven?
Wed. Aug. 6	Luke 6:17-36 How can we seek a heavenly reward when we are treated unjustly? How might Christians treat others in a way that goes beyond the world’s values? (verse 35) How does this apply to you today?
Thurs. Aug. 7	Hebrews 11:1-28. What did Moses say “no” to in order to seek a heavenly reward? What things do you need to abstain from for the cause of Christ?
Fri. Aug. 8	Proverbs 19. What kind of actions does God delight in and prepare rewards for? (verse 19)
Sat.- Sun. Aug. 9- 10	Isaiah 49:1-13. Focus on verse 4. In the end, we must leave the results of our work up to God. What decisions do you need to leave in his hands today?