



## Be Your Best at the Workplace

"In all the work you are given, do it the best you can. Work as though you are working for the Lord, not any earthly master."

Colossians 3:23 ERV

God recreated you in Christ Jesus for good works. Ephesians 2:10 NCV says, "God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." In order, therefore, to accomplish His divine purpose, God put an excellent spirit within each twice-born child of God. Even in the Old Testament, the Bible states that Daniel "was distinguished above the presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him and the king thought to set him above the whole kingdom." (Daniel 6:3)

According to Colossians 3:23, our text verse, all work is a gift from God and He demands that we work as unto HIM and not for any earthly master. Ultimately, our reward will come from the Lord, not our bosses. God's assigned tasks should not be compartmentalized. From God's perspective, there is no secular or sacred work. God gives us tasks according to our SHAPE – our **spiritual** gifts, **hearts** desires, natural **abilities**, **personalities**, and life



**experiences.** Paul said, “I don’t care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission. This work that the Lord Jesus gave me.” In Paul’s case, His specific assignment was to “tell people the good news about God’s grace” (Acts 20:24 NCV). So whether it’s washing dishes, flying a space craft, or preaching the good news of the gospel, we each must apply ourselves wholeheartedly to our God-given assignment.

**Let’s daily practice 6 common values as we work for the Lord:**

- 1) Live exemplary lives! We must live as lights and shining examples in the workplace because there we have our mission field. Philippians 2:15 states, “I don’t care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me...”. In Paul’s case, his mission was “...to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.”
- 2) Remember to commit your work to God daily and depend on Him only, not on your own strength. “Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you” (Psalm 37:5).
- 3) Work with integrity, using the highest ethical and moral standards. You should guide your friends and coworkers in the right way by caring enough about their work. Why should you help others in this way? The Psalmist explains, “Many will see what He has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord” (Psalm 30:3 NLT)
- 4) Be a peacemaker at your job. When humans work together, there is bound to be conflict because of our sin nature, our selfishness and self-



centeredness. You should seek to be the peacemaker in every situation. Hebrews 12:14 states, "Try to live in peace with everyone, and seek to live a clean and holy life."

- 5) Work diligently with great perseverance. "Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes" (Psalms 37:7 NLT). Do not be late to work or steal company time/goods, even a pen. Paul admonishes the Corinthians to be "careful and honorable before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable" (2 Corinthians 8:21, NLT).
- 6) Be an unashamed witness among your coworkers. Strive to be authentic and state CLEARLY the hope that lives in you. 1 Peter 3:15-16 states, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander" (NIV). Paul buttresses Peter's idea by stating, "Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone" (Colossians 4:5-6, NLT).



In all, the bottom line in this writeup is that God created us to work for His glory (Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31). In other words, working for the Lord simply means pleasing God and giving Him glory. So as Christians, we must serve as His witness at the workplace to bring help to others in creating a relationship and bond with the Father through Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer**

"Lord, help me to see my work as my mission field and to do everything for Your glory, in Jesus' name."