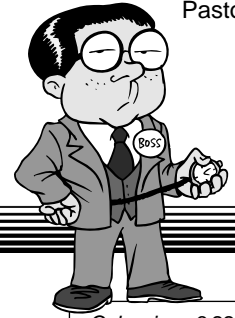


part 1
Taking Christ to Work
Realizing Who You Really Work For



Colossians 3:22-23

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (NIV)

1. Stop _____

2. For _____

3. Put _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. How would you rate your aptitude and competence as a worker?

How do you think your boss (or those who evaluate your work) would characterize your work ethic?

2. How would you describe your attitude toward your boss (or those you answer to in your daily work)?

Read Ephesians 6:5. What specific changes need to be made in your life and behavior so that your treatment of your boss (or those you answer to) is more like the treatment that you would give Christ?

3. What difference would it make in your work if you knew that Jesus Christ was the "customer" or beneficiary of the products or services you render?

4. In what measurable way can you raise the standard of excellence in the work that you will perform this week?

5. Read Proverbs 24:30-31; 18:9; and 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13. Write out a prayer confessing any residual laziness in your life and commit yourself afresh to diligent and faithful work in the coming weeks.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Jer.41-42 & 1Th.4

Monday

Jer.43-44 & 1Th.5

Tuesday

Jer.45-46 & 2Th.1

Wednesday

Jer.47-48 & 2Th.2

Thursday

Jer.49-50 & 2Th.3

Friday

Jer.51-52 & 1Tim.1

Saturday

Lam.1-2 & 1Tim.2

Here are some resources that may help you formulate a better and more biblical work ethic.

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