

April 3, 2024 – Wednesday

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Colossians 3:22KJV; 3:23-4:1 NKJ

²² *Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;*

²³ *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,*

²⁴ *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

²⁵ *But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.*

^{4:1} *Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.*

Colossians 3:9b-11 NLT

⁹ . . . *you have put off the old man with his deeds,*

¹⁰ *and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

¹¹ *where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

Colossians 3:22 CSB

Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.

“Our Boss is _____ watching.”

Colossians 3:23 NLT

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Ephesians 6:7 NLT

Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Ephesians 6:8 NLT

⁸ *Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.*

Ephesians 6:8 NKJ

knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Colossians 3:24 NLT

Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Bring _____ to your job in the way you work, as you're “working for the Lord.”

“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'” *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Matthew 25:21 NLT

The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

Colossians 3:25 NLT

But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.

Ephesians 6:9 CSB

And masters, treat your slaves the same way, without threatening them, because you know that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

“My _____ is serving the Lord, and I make shoes to pay expenses.” *William Carey*

Luke 19:10 NLT

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

Romans 10:13-15a NLT

¹³ *For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”*

¹⁴ *But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*

¹⁵ *And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?...*

If my theology is Biblical, my church attendance exemplary, my verbal _____ bold and courageous, yet in the everydayness of my life, I’m dishonest, lazy, have a bad attitude – then my lifestyle testimony will cancel out much of what I say.

Titus 2:9-10 NLT

⁹ *Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back.*

¹⁰ *or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.*

1 Peter 1:13 NKJ

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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Therefore gird up [be prepared. Pull up long flowing garments closely, fastened with a leather belt] the loins [reproductive area – what are we allowing to be reproduced in our minds?] of your mind, be sober [calm, collected in spirit -- seems opposite of “blowing up”.] and rest your hope [with joy and full confidence] fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation [a disclosure of truth] of Jesus Christ;