

VALUE #5: WORK HARD

For the week of June 9, 2019

Passage: Colossians 3:23-24

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GOAL:

To understand that whatever we do, we do it for the Lord.

GET GOING:

- Who is the hardest worker you know? Who gave you your work ethic?
- In your own words, what is your theology of work? Why is it important to, as Colossians 3:23 puts it, work heartily for the Lord?
- Have you ever found yourself caught up in working as if for man, or for man's approval?
- Review the biblical principles about work from this weekend's message. With which biblical principle do you resonate most? Of which of these do you need to be reminded?
 - Whatever you do, give it your best.
 - Whatever you do, Jesus is your boss.
 - Whatever you do, God wants to reward you.
 - Whatever you do, you can have eternal impact.

Memory Verse:

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).



KEEP GROWING:

- Review the 7 expectations that God has for us in the workplace. Which are most helpful for you? In your experience, what if anything would you add?
 - Our work matters to God (Genesis 2:15)
 - Our work is a gift from God (Ecclesiastes 5:19)
 - Our work needs to serve others (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - Our work will be rewarded (Jeremiah 17:10)
 - As we work, God has gifted us with unique talents and abilities (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - If you are able to work, you should work (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)
 - Our work should include a rhythm of rest (Exodus 20:8-10)
- Even if you don't work in full-time vocational ministry, your work is ministry. It's not just that you can be a light for Jesus in your workplace, but the actual work you do is ministry. Why do you think this is, and how does this inform your perspective on working? (see Genesis 2:5-15)
- What does it mean to you in your work context that Jesus is ultimately your boss?
- As important as working heartily for the Lord is, it is also important to rest. Read these verses: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-10. What is your rhythm of rest? What can you do in these times to rest, recharge, and refocus your thoughts and priorities on God?

Bonus Challenge:

Take a task at your job this week and take time to think how completing this task can help glorify God and His Kingdom. Share your experience and what God is teaching you through this to a friend or family member.

