# Colossians 3:22-4:1

*God's Role for Employees and Employers*

<u>God's Role for Employees (vv. 22-25)</u>

- The Mandate (v. 22a)

- The Manner (vv. 22b-23)

- The Motivation (vv. 24-25)

<u>God's Role for Employers (4:1)</u>

- The Mandate (v. 1a)

- The Motivation (v. 1b)

# Application of Colossians 3:22-4:1

1. While this passage is clearly and directly applicable to a slave and master relationship there are also principles that apply to moms at home, people at work, children in school, family members doing chores, and volunteers at church or other organizations. What are some principles from this passage that apply to these other groups of people?

2. What are the rules or expectations in your workplace, at home, and in school in how you use your phone, the internet, and 'free time' while you are at work, home or school? Do you follow these or try to sneak in stuff behind your boss, parent or teacher's back?

3. Do you need to repent of behaviour that steals from your boss, disrespects your teachers, or disobeys your parents in tasks they ask you to perform? If so, is it appropriate you ask their forgiveness or pay back what you've taken?

4. Ask the Lord to give you a sincerity of heart to serve and fear Him, lifting your focus from what those around you think or the behaviour of others, to what God thinks.

5. What does it mean that Christians are slaves of Christ? How should this affect how we serve the Lord in all aspects of life, including in the home, at school, and at work?

6. Read and reflect on the following passages that mention our inheritance. In what ways does this motivate you to work for the Lord, not men? 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Heb. 1:14; 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:3-4; Rom 8:16-17; Rev 21:1-7.

7. If you're an employer, supervisor, or in charge of anyone else in a work setting, how are you treating these people? In what ways can you improve in what you do and don't do?

8. Read and reflect on these other passages in the NT that speak to the slave/master relationship and ask God to help you obey His instructions for the role you're in… Eph 6:5-9; 1 Tim 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10; 1 Pet 2:18-25; 1 Cor 7:17, 21-24

<u>Reading this week:</u> Read through Col 3:18-4:6

# Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date_____ Pastor _____

| Book | Sermon Main Points | Other Bible References: |
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| | *God's* _____ *for* _____ *and* _____ | _____ |
| Chapter | 1. _____ role for _____ (vv. ___-___ ) | _____ |
| | - The M_____ (v. 22a) | _____ |
| | - The M_____ (vv. ____b-_____) | _____ |
| Verses | - The M_____ (vv. ____-_____) | _____ |
| | 2. _____ role for _____ (v. ____) | _____ |
| | - The M_____ (v. ____a) | _____ |
| | - The M_____ (v. ____b) | _____ |

**Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)**

| God/Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Master/Masters | Obey/Obedience | Paul | Slave/Slaves | Work/Working |
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What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: