

• Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

Don't miss it: Paul has made clear that women, children and slaves are EQUAL members of the Christian households – this flew completely in the face of prevailing Roman culture. **Christians are to live in accord with the Word of God, whether or not that lines up with their culture.**

We are to do our work not for self nor society, but for God. **All work** – here, even that of slaves – is given dignity by God and is to be done enthusiastically, regardless of whether or not someone is watching. ***Is this the way you approach your work?***

Even if our best work is marred by imperfection, does not bring great reward in this world and/or is done for an unreasonable employer, we take great comfort in knowing that we have an eternal inheritance to which nothing in this world compares and aim for divine approval.

Ephesians 6: 5-8 / Philipians 3:13-14 / Acts 26

All will be judged by the standard of faithfulness to the Lord and His Word – saying we work in service to God doesn't make us special; what we do is to demonstrate the reverence to God we say we have. We owe God everything. **Luke 17:10**

Those in positions of power like supervisors/employers must recognize that as Christians along with that power comes great responsibility. They can hardly expect to be treated justly and fairly before God if they fail to treat employees this way by ignoring Christian principles in the workplace or imposing impossible tasks. **Eph. 6:9**