

Sermon Notes

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“Whatever You Do ...”

Colossians 3:22-4:1

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For a first century reader, which would have been more surprising: what Paul says to slaves in verse 3:22 or to masters in verse 4:1? What does Paul see that puts slaves and masters on equal footing?

Is it ever tempting to do work that is less than your best if you think nobody else will know? On what basis does Paul urge that we resist that temptation? Is it more encouraging or convicting for you to recognize that in God we have a boss who sees every aspect of our work?

Consider what it might look like for someone in some of the following kinds of jobs and responsibilities to “work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord ...”:

- student or teacher,
- caregiver for an elderly person,
- retail salesperson or manager,
- office worker,
- parent or grandparent,
- attorney,
- farmer, and/or
- the main job/responsibility YOU have.