



MAKING IT WORK AT WORK

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Colossians 3

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.** **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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HOW DO I REPRESENT MYSELF AT WORK?

Matthew 5

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. “Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.”

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*“obey your earthly masters in **everything**”*

1. I am to give my all

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1 Timothy 4:14-15 NIV

“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; **give yourself wholly to them**, so that everyone may see your progress.”

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2. I am to give my ALL...ALL of the time

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“but with sincerity of heart”

3. I am to give my all SINCERELY

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“reverence for the Lord”

4. I am to remember who I really work for

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Colossians 3:22-25 MSG

“...Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ....”

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5. Remember who I work witheveryone

Matthew 5:46 (NIV) If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?

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6. REMEMBER TO WEAR MY UNIFORM

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7. KEEP FOCUSED on what needs to be in focus

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

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