

SERVING THE LORD CHRIST

Text: Col. 3:22-25

- “Masters according to the flesh” = any authority over you who gives you _____ to do, assigns duties, or delegates responsibilities.
- I. **THE _____ REASON FOR DOING WHAT WE DO**
- God’s will for servants (vs. 22) = to _____
 - Obey = same as given to children (vs. 20) = “to listen under”; same extent “in all things.”
- Wrong way to obey = “with _____.”
 - To serve or work for the _____ of the person in charge only or only when the person in charge is around.
- Wrong motive for obeying = “as _____.”
 - To _____ people to advance yourself.
 - A _____ root that grows evil fruit like arrogance and strife (Philip. 2:3), moral compromise, flattery, buttering up, brown-nosing, or play acting (hypocrisy).
- II. **THE _____ REASON FOR DOING WHAT WE DO**
- How we should do what we do = “in _____ of heart”
 - Singleness = innocent simplicity or _____.
- Why we should do what we do = 2 motivations:
 - Out of the proper _____ of God
 - “Fearing God”
 - See vs. 24-25—day of accountability at the Judgment Seat.
 - A day of _____ (reward or loss of reward)
 - A day of _____ (for right or wrong we have done)
 - A day of no _____ (no favoritism; individual and impartial evaluation; Rom. 14:12)
 - Out of our fervent _____ for God (vs. 23)
 - “Whatsoever” = applies to all of life
 - “_____” = put your heart and soul into it.
 - “As to the Lord” = as a love _____ to Christ.

CONCLUSION

- Challenge: Evaluate your service to the Lord in the light of this passage.
 - _____ do you do what you do?
 - Your why will determine your how.