

Morning Lesson

THE LORD OF THE WORKER COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:1

1. Christianity is a practical life.
2. It influences life now.
3. Our daily life and conduct are guided for good. **Col. 3:5-15**
4. Our homes are influenced for good. **Col. 3:18-21**
5. Christianity prepares us for life in heaven. **Col. 3:1-3**
6. It will have a significant influence on the quality of work we do.

I. THE BIBLE RECOGNIZES THE DIGNITY OF DAILY LABOR.

- A. God's rule: I deserve to eat by working. **2 Thess. 3:10**
- B. Honest work can keep us from wrongdoing. **2 Thess. 3:11**
- C. The man who doesn't provide for his own is worse than an unbeliever. **1 Tim. 5:8**
- D. By working, I can help others. **Eph. 4:28**

II. WORK AS "UNTO THE LORD."

- A. There are those who work with "eye service as men pleasers."
- B. The Christian works under the Lord's oversight. **Col. 3:23; 3:22**
- C. A Christian will be a good employee. **Col. 3:23**
- D. The Christian who wrongs his employer will pay the consequences. **Col. 3:25**

III. THE CHRISTIAN HAS A MASTER IN HEAVEN.

- A. The "master" is observing how the Christian employer treats those who work for him. **Heb. 4:13**
- B. The employer is to give wages that are "just and equal." **Col. 4:1**
- C. The Christian employer should also work to please the "master in heaven." **Col. 4:1**

1. The real rewards of work will be given by the Lord.
2. There is an opportunity in work to serve and please the Lord.
3. This view of work gives a dignity to it that nothing else can provide.