

THE CHRIST EXPRESSED LIFE: IN OUR WORK
Colossians 3:22-4:1 (Ephesians 6:5-9)

There Is a Deep Spirituality, an Identifiable God-likeness to Work - Gen 1-2; Is 65:17-25

- Our work is meant to be a sacred calling from God - I Cor 10:31
- A Christ-enlivened, Christ-esteemed, Christ-edited worker is a Christ-expressed worker - Col 3:17

With Jesus Christ at the Center of Our Labor(s), Everything Changes - Col 3:22-4:1

- In Christ, the sacred/secular "divide" is slain as we express and glorify Christ in our labors - I Pet 4:11
- In Christ, we see work as our gift of worship to God - Matt 5:17; Ro 12:1-2
- In Christ, our identity, our significance, our life purpose, our security doesn't come from our jobs/income, but from our union with Christ - Ro 8:35-39
- ("In Christ, I am a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, skillfully disguised as _____.")

When Jesus Christ Has the Pre-eminence in Our Lives... - Col 1:18

- We work enthusiastically - Col 3:23
 - ...we are "all in " wherever we are - Matt 22:37; Prov 18:9; Phil 2:14
 - ...even if we are unable to change jobs, we are free to change our motives, attitudes, behaviors - I Cor 2:16; Jo 8:31-32, 36
- We work ethically - Col 3:22
 - ...we do what is "right" before God, not what "works" before men - Eph 6:6-7
 - ...that which is consistent with the character of Christ and congruent with His love - Col 3:17; II Cor 5:14
 - ...the "greater" always blesses the "lesser" - Heb 7:7
- We work excellently - Col 3:23-24; Eph 6:7
 - ...we learn to do what is excellent in the sight of God - Is 12:5; Matt 6:6,18
 - ...we pay attention to details by running our options through a "grid" like Philippians 4:8
- We work with the eternal perspective - Col 3:24; Eph 6:7-9
 - ...our reasons for righteous, holy labor are not found on earth "below", but from the Father "above" - Col 3:1-4
 - ...Warning: not everyone on earth will approve - I Pet 3:14,16-17; 4:12-16
 - ...Promise: not all work accounts recorded above are settled on earth below - Col 3:23,24; Eph 6:8
 - ...Notice: be ready to give an account of why you are an "uncommon" worker - I Pet 3:15

Learn to Be a Christ-expressed Worker and Come to Know Every Time You Go to Work...

...YOU ARE ON A MISSION TRIP!