

Spirit-filled Workers: Rendering Service to God
Ephesians 6:5-9 (Colossians 3:22 - 4:1)

There Is a Profound God-likeness, a Deep Spirituality to Our Work - Gen 1 & 2; Eph 6:5-9

Every "Job" Needs to Get Immersed into Our "Calling" - Eph 4:1; Phil 3:14; II Tim 1:9

- To fulfill our "calling" is to fulfill our reason for being - II Thess 1:12
...to be Christ-like in all things - Col 3:17
- Under the influence of the Spirit, we will see our work as... - Eph 5:18
 - ... "sacred" - Eph 4:1; Eph 6:6; I Pet 1:14-16
 - ... a "stewardship" - Eph 6:5; 4:28
 - = self-supporting (I Thess 4:12)
 - = support needs of others (I Tim 6:17-19)
 - = support missions, ministries (II Cor 9:8-15)
 - ... "worship" - Eph 6:5,6,7; Ro 12:1; - a "public service of worship"
- Our identity is in Christ, not in our jobs - Eph 1:4; 2:4-10; 4:20-24; 5:8-9
...we are no longer self-referential, but Christ-referential - Col 3:3-4; Col 3:23; I Jo 4:17

Our Emphasis Is Not on the "Work", but the "Worker" - Eph 6:5-9

- Spirit-filled workers will work...
 - ... "enthusiastically" - Eph 6:6; I Cor 10:31; Prov 18:9; Matt 22:37; Lk 17:10; Matt 5:37
 - ... "ethically" - Eph 6:5,7,9; Col 3:17
 - ... "excellently" - Eph 6:7; Col 3:23; Phil 4:8
 - ... with an "eternal perspective" - Eph 6:5-9; Col 3:1-2; I Cor 3:13
- Warning! Not everyone will applaud or approve - I Pet 3:14,16-17; 4:12-16
...Also, a "heavenly audit" is coming - Eph 6:8
- Every day that we go to work in Christ is a mission trip - I Pet 3:15
...That is what we do... because it is who we are! - I Pet 2:9