

# Good, Better, Best

## *Even When I Hate My Job*

*We keep saying Work Matters. It's becoming a mantra for us and it's beginning to show in how we approach the things we do at Raytown Christian Church. But here's the question, besides for the fact that everyone needs a job so they can pay the rent and as a church we ought to be helping those who need jobs find them, besides that ... why the push for work that matters? WHY does it matter so much? Stay tuned!*

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

1. It provides \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. We meet more people \_\_\_\_\_ at work than at church.
3. Work is your \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
4. How we approach work is your \_\_\_\_\_ .

### ***My Count Me In! Commitments***

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll find my purpose at work or outside of work  
(<https://www.freeshapetest.com/>)
- I'll re-vision my work as for the Lord
- I'll invite \_\_\_\_\_ people to Easter Worship

### **Additional Notes**

# Digging Deeper, Going Further

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

**Introduction:** About a third of our lives will be spent at something we call “work.” For most of us, that means we’ve traded many of our hours for dollars in a job. For some, it means we’ve invested much of our lives in raising a family. For others, it means we’ve given our time to some passion or another. Regardless of how we’ve spent that time, when we look back on it most of us hope that somehow our work has made – or is making – a difference. Unfortunately, many work a job that they dislike, in fact, polls show that most of us are less than passionate about what we do. But whether we live to work or work to live, that work matters.

1. Share with the group what you do (or did) for a living.
2. Tell about work you’ve had to do that you disliked (or even hated). Why did you feel that way about it?
3. Read Colossians 3:22 – 4:1. What does Paul suggest are the motivations for serving the masters faithfully?
4. Dr. Bill substituted “employee” for slave in the Sunday reading. Do you think this lessens the impact of Paul’s directive? Why or why not?
5. What is the difference of approaching work “as if” it was for the Lord and “as for” the Lord? Do you think this is an important distinction? Why/Why not?
6. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10–15 and 1 Timothy 5:8. Why is Paul so insistent about people working?
7. Read Ephesians 2:10. What are some reasons why our work so important?

*Who will you invite to worship with you this week?*

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