

# WORK YOUR JOB AS GOD'S JOB

## COLOSSIANS 3:25-4:1

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: In biblical times there were no bankruptcy laws. When people found themselves in dire economic conditions, their only option may have been to give their lives to slavery. This lesson applies to Christian workers in modern times.

**BE HONEST.** To be honest is to trust God's faithfulness in all things. To do wrong signals that you have given up on yourself and God's grace. (**Colossians 3:25a, Proverbs 18:9, Proverbs 16:8-13, fn 16:11, Titus 2:9, 10, fn 2:9, 10**) *Why is honesty in God's eyes important for you?*

**BE ACCOUNTABLE.** Check your work! Make it meet God's standards for you. God knows your capabilities and knows when you are doing your best. Since God shows no favoritism, you cannot expect Him to overlook irresponsible work habits. "Work that gets evaluated (checked) gets done and usually gets done well." Aubrey Malphurs, Strategic Planning, p. 54. (**Colossians 3:25b, Ephesians 6:8, 9, fn 6:9, Galatians 3:26-29, fn 3:28[1<sup>st</sup>]** **Romans 14:10-12, fn 14:10-12, I Peter 1:17, fn 1:17**) *How could you work your job as God's job?*

**BE JUST AND BE FAIR.** You are to treat those under you like Christ, who is over you, treats you. With accountability, help your people to do God's best. Be such a godly leader that you are always respected. (**Colossians 4:1, fn 4:1, James 5:4-6, fn 5:6, Genesis 23:1-6, fn 23:4-6, Colossians 3:11-14, 17, fn 3:12-17**) *How is it just and fair for an employer to dismiss employees that are not respectful to his godly leadership? What could you teach your children about relating to their future employer?*

*How is your relationship with your spouse or others? (I Peter 3:7, Matthew 5:23, 24)*  
*What sin, if any, do you need to confess? (James 5:16)*