

Jesus Your Motivation (Colossians 3:18-4:6)

Jesus Your Everything – Part 5
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Proverbs 16:2 (NIV) All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV) Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1. Serve Jesus in your _____

A. Wives _____ and husbands _____

Colossians 3:18-19 (NIV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

B. Children _____ and parents _____

Colossians 3:20-21 (NIV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

2. Serve Jesus in your _____

A. _____ your boss

Colossians 3:22 (NIV) Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

B. Work as working for _____

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

C. Treat your _____ well

Colossians 4:1 (NIV) Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

3. Serve Jesus in your _____

A. Be _____ to prayer

Colossians 4:2 (NIV) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

B. Pray for _____

Colossians 4:3-4 (NIV) And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

C. Look for _____ to witness

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV) Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Intro. What kinds of things motivate people in life? What motivates you in life?

Why are our motives so important to God (Proverbs 16:2, 1 Corinthians 4:5)?

How does Colossians 3:17 give us our primary motivation in life?

1A. How would you explain the biblical principles for how the marriage relationship should function (Colossians 3:18-19)?

1B. How would you explain the biblical principles for how the parent-child relationship should work (Colossians 3:20-21)?

1C. In what ways should doing everything in Jesus' name affect your family relationships?

2A. How do the principles of Colossians 3:22 apply to today's work situations?

2B. How should an understanding of eternity affect your work (Colossians 3:23-24)?

2C. How should serving the Lord Jesus affect how we supervise others on the job (Colossians 4:1)?

2D. In what ways could you use these principles on serving Jesus on the job in your life and situation?

3A. What does it mean to be devoted to prayer (Colossians 4:2)? On a scale of 1-10, how devoted would you say you are?

3B. Describe the three areas you can pray for outreach by yourself, by your church and by missionaries (Colossians 4:3-4)?

3C. Based on the principles in Colossians 4:5-6, how can you grow in your effectiveness in witnessing to others?

3D. What are obstacles that hinder people from witnessing?

3E. Who should the group pray that you would have opportunities to talk to about Jesus and/or invite to church?