

Accept No Substitutes

Vocational Roles

1. Why did Paul command slaves to submit to their masters?
2. What was to be the slaves' motivation as they served their masters?
3. How can believers submit to their employers?
4. What are some common motivations to work? According to this passage, what should our motivation be?
5. In what ways can the warning in verse 25 be applied to slaves/employees? What does it mean for masters/employers?
6. What are some things employers or others in authority can do to ensure that they are "just and fair" to those under them?
7. What can we learn about how to use authority from how God uses His authority over us?

Colossians 3:22-4:1 ²²Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. ²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to man, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality ... ¹Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

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Monday

List several people to whom you are called to submit. Are you submitting to them gladly?

Tuesday

What motivates you in the work you do? Do you intentionally do it for God, looking forward to a reward from Him?

Wednesday

Do you do anything at work while your boss is not watching that you would not do in front of him or her? Would you do those things in front of God?

Thursday

When was the last time you remember being treated unfairly by someone in authority? How did you respond? What would the biblical response be?

Friday

Do you seek revenge or retaliate verbally or physically to those who wrong you? Since vengeance belongs to God and we are called to love our enemies, how can you change your response?

Saturday

List several people who have to submit to you. How can you follow God's example of leadership in those relationships?
