

The Bondservant At Work **Sep 27 2009**

Intro: God at work in you to will and to do work!

1. The Attitude of the Bondservant at Work

Philippians 2:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or questioning,

¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

- Vs 14 = Avoid grumbling
- Vs 15a = Aim to be blameless and innocent
- Vs 15b = Allow God to shine through you
- Vs 16 = Always hold onto the word

2. The Attire of the Bondservant at Work

Colossians 3:12-17 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Vs 12 = Attire yourself with five spiritual garments to dress for success
- Vs 13 = two critical actions to keep it together
- Vs 14-15 = two beautiful attributes; love & peace
- Vs 16-17= Always keep the right focus.

3. The Awareness of the Bondservant at Work

Colossians 3:22-25 (ESV)

²² Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

- 22 – Actions when nobody is watching
- 23- Attention to your real boss. For whom are you working?
- 24-25 = Awesome Truth when work's unfair.

Invitation: Transform yourself and it will transform your job.