

## Who Are You Working For?

I have always lived by this thought, "Don't do it if you're not going to give your best. " When I played basketball, I played to win. When I was a supervisor for the State, I was determined to have the best section. When I was in the military, I strived to be the best and I trained those under me to be the best. As a postal carrier, my attitude has not changed, I work hard to develop a relationship with my customers. However, not just any kind of relationship, but a spirit filled one. The best thing about it all is that I enjoy what I was doing and I love what I do to this day! Times were not always fun, as a matter of fact, most of the time it could be overwhelming. Despite it all, I was and still am determined to be committed and consistent!

When I was called to the ministry, I really found out what it was like to work with people (God's way) and having that mindset that Jesus has towards us. I have been at my church for 12 years now and there have been many times that I wanted to quit or leave or both! Working with people in the church and outside the church can be a challenge. Each day I think about what Jesus went through for us. Have you ever experienced the same thing? Maybe you're there now. Have you ever desired to leave your church or maybe quit that particular ministry? Let me ask you the same question Christ asked me, "Who are you working for?"

**Colossians 3:17 & 23** NLT – (17) And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. (23) Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**2 Thessalonians 3:11-13** NLT – (11) Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. (12) We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. (13) As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good.

My brothers and sisters, do you sometimes get disturbed with the decisions of your church leaders? You don't like the way they handle certain situations. So now you are thinking about quitting or stepping down? Do you say to yourselves, "I'm not going to pay my tithes because I don't agree with the way things are being done?" Do you get upset when things don't go your way or the way you expected? Maybe your fellow brothers and sisters are not cooperating, so you wish to quit! Are you pretending like you want to help in a ministry and you really don't want to because you discovered "so and so" is also in the ministry and the two of you don't get along? Are you working for God or for man?

My brothers and sisters, when we work for God our priority is to get it done! Meaning the work never stops. We submit to the statutes/rules of God. We give Him our best because He gives us His best! We are committed and consistent with the work of God. We are not lazy, but dedicated to the task at hand. When we work for man, we are inconsistent and not committed. Sometimes we submit, but for the most part we won't. We do things half way; sometimes making an effort and sometimes not. Your reward comes from heaven above and not man! What is for you is for you. Nobody can stop or say anything about that fact! God is telling you that He appreciates you when man doesn't say anything. Give God your best at all times because "He is who we are working for".

### SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 3:7-11

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do what you can today, you may not be here tomorrow.

