



WILLING TO SERVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY

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EPHESIANS 6:7 NKJV – (7) with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

John had to get to work but he also needed to get his laundry done. John would take his laundry to the local laundry mat to get his clothes washed, dried and folded (He didn't own a washer or dryer). He dropped them off and the worker who was responsible for washing the clothes at the laundry mat said, I will be leaving after this weekend. John was disappointed because she was a wonderful person who always talked about the Lord.

Nevertheless, she said, I will running my own business. I can wash your clothes for half of the price you pay each week here. John asked, "Where would you wash the clothes?" The employee said at this washing mat. Keep in mind that John would usually get a pink ticket stating the price and that my clothes was received by such and such. But if she was doing her own business, he wouldn't get a ticket. The employee asked John to think about it. When John had time to think about it, he noticed that the employee was being dishonest with the funds of the laundry mat. John totally ignored the entire conversation.

The next time John came back to the laundry mat, he was treated very differently due to the fact that he refused to address or cooperate to the proposition brought before him. The service, smile and dedication he would usually get from the employee no longer existed. In other words, the employee was no longer willing to serve him generously. Yet John would continue to treat her with genuine love and respect.

Paul emphasizes above that a godly attitude is much easier when a servant views his or her work as "to the Lord." We are to do all things for the glory of God (**Colossians 3:17**). This includes honesty. With this perspective, we can respond with an attitude and life that honors God and shows love to others in the most difficult contexts.

SCRIPTURE READING: COLOSSIANS 3:23

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Serve people like God serves you.