

"A MAN AND HIS WORK"

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"THE KIND OF WORKERS EVERYONE WANTS!"

Colossians 3:23-24:

"Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ."

SUMMARY:

Do you strive to do your very best at work? Our witness on the assembly line or in the office is being observed daily by people. Many do their work heartily as unto the Lord, leaving behind on every job an unmistakable calling card about their character and their God. Today, Solomon will introduce us to three respected workers...that anyone would want to employ!

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: The Apostle Paul challenged Timothy to be "a workman who has no need to be ashamed" (2 Tim. 2:15). Discuss 'why' our witness in the workplace is so crucial.

- Solomon artfully describes three kinds of desirable workers—the Diligent, the Thoughtful (Employees and Employers) and the Skillful. Do you think that these kind of virtues and qualities are rare among workers today?
- If Jesus Christ is our ultimate CEO to whom we will give account one day (Romans 14:12), what can we do to prepare ourselves daily to have the proper mind-set/attitude before going to work?
- Take a candid look at your own life. Do you exemplify any or all of these virtues? Explain

APPLICATION:

*Think of one positive thing that you could do this week to enhance your work performance. Examples—read a book (such as, "Your Work Matters to God" by Doug Sherman and William Hendricks), brush up on your technical skills, take a continuing education class to help you in your respective field, have a daily 'quiet time', pray...even with other workers.

*Why not try a 'random act' of thoughtfulness to a fellow worker who would least expect it from you!

*Is there someone that you have offended at work that you need to ask forgiveness of in order to mend your relationship...and more importantly, your witness for the Lord?

ON YOUR OWN...

Read: Colossians 3:23-24

Proverbs 10:4; 12:27; 21:5; 12:10; 27:23; 28:15-16a; 27:18;
22:29