

## Reflection Questions: Colossians 3:23-24

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](http://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).

### INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Scripture: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Key Points:

- Work as though the Lord Jesus is your ultimate Boss: "Work...as for the Lord and not men.... You are serving the Lord Christ."
- Work with all your heart for your ultimate Boss: "...work heartily, as for the Lord...."
- Whatever you do, do it for your ultimate Boss: Whatever you do...."

Key Quotes:

- Tim Keller, Christians are to be fully engaged at work as whole persons, giving their minds, hearts, and bodies fully to doing the best job possible on the task at hand. Christians workers can think of their work this way because they have a new motive for their work. They work as if they were 'serving the Lord.'"
- Tom Nelson, "[The Scriptures] present to us a seamless understanding of work and worship, thereby eliminating any compartmentalization of a worshipful life whether its Sunday or Monday. Jesus teaches us not only how to live but also how to work...[placing] vocational faithfulness at the heart of apprenticeship with Jesus and a 24/7 life of God-honoring worship...."

Bottom Line:

- Your job is a prayer offered up in service to the Lord Jesus.

### QUESTIONS

#### **1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.**

- In light of this passage, how would you answer the question, "What kind of me is God calling me to be?" How does this text clarify what God wants to do in your life?
- Do you find it easy or hard to think of your job / work (whatever it is) as a prayer offered up in service to the Lord Jesus? Why or why not? Has this always been the case with you?
- How does this text show you your need for the cleansing, renewing, transforming grace of God?

**2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.**

- What would it look like for us a church community if we are to live out this text in our city? In other words, if we truly adopted the perspective this passage gives us, what kind of reputation would folks at Mercy Hill have in this city?

**3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.**

- What questions do you think people in our city would ask of this text?
- How would Bryan/College Station look radically different if everybody did what Jesus describes in this passage?
- Can you imagine if just the Christians in our city took this message to heart? Describe how things would change?

CONCLUDING QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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