

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



## I Will Do My Best For God

I always remember the gentleman who was an usher at a church in Shanghai. Be it winter or summer, he would station himself at the front door, greeting the people with a big smile as they entered the Church. Likewise, after the church service, you would see him at the door again to bid everyone farewell. He was always dressed appropriately and smartly. I once approached him and thanked him for the excellent job, and his response was, "I will do my best for God." That was his motivation to put in the best – he was doing for God and not for men.

Paul told the slaves under the Roman regime in Colossians 3:23-24, ***"In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord, which he promised to his people. You are serving the Lord Christ."*** (New Century Version). A slave's job is one where there was no freedom, mundane, no job satisfaction, no motivation and the list goes on. Yet, Paul encouraged them to give their best. How is that possible? Even an attractive and high-paying job can at times be un motivating for various reasons, what more the work of a slave!

Paul's reasoning is to work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for the people. There is much truth in it because God is our provider, not the people. We are all stewards of God's resources. Moreover, no matter how good our earthly bosses are, there will be times when we are disappointed and unmotivated.

However, when we know the truth that God is our ultimate boss, our perspective will change. You will work the best you can because you know that you are doing it for the Lord. All will agree that God deserves the best. People will disappoint you, but God brings joy and peace.

Despite the attractive salary and benefits, there is no perfect job. If you put your hope in your career, you can expect a roller coaster ride for your entire work life. Only the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Regardless of the changes that may happen to your job, His love and grace for you will never change. The reward from working for God far surpasses the salary, bonus and benefits collected on earth. The earlier you realize this truth in your work life, the faster you will experience the peace of God.

Similarly, when serving in the Church, we do our best for the Lord and not for ourselves or people. When doing it for God, we will also bring out our Christ-like qualities like humility, kindness, love for others, self-control, and so on. Therefore, let us not be distracted but focus on God because it is Him whom we are working for.

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