

Champions/Women of Destiny

Year 2 LESSON 21

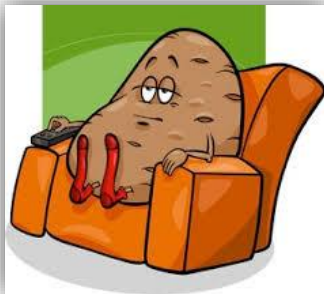


Working With Your Heart

Read: Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25 and Titus 2:9-10

Some of you understand what it means to work with all of your heart. You are on your second year of CWOD and have been faithful in completing these minimal assignments. You have done so with the attitude of learning, not just completing. It means more to you to grow in your faith than to get an incentive for doing your work.

Some of you know what it's like to see someone goofing off at work or in school. They don't want to break a sweat in anything! Not even Playstation!



You may know people who have gotten fired from jobs due to their lack of work, lateness or poor attitude. This lesson will focus on what it means to serve with all your heart in **everything** you do. Being a Christian must be demonstrated in the classroom, homeroom, on the job, at home, in the neighborhood and of course, at church.

Get your Bible out and let's dig deeper. . .

Habits, Attitudes and Rewards

The Apostle Paul wrote about work habits and attitudes in relation to God's will. Although he wrote about servants and masters, **the same principles apply to employees and employers, as well as other relationships that deal with authority and servanthood.**

Doing God's will at work involves the following habits (see your scripture reading to validate):

1. **Obey in all things.** Do what the boss (teachers) tells you to do with a good attitude. Note: we already covered what it means to submit as to the Lord.
2. **Do your best even when no one is watching you (Eph. 6:6)** Work consistently. Don't goof off when your supervisor/teacher is not around.
3. **Do it with all your heart.** No matter what the work is, whether or not you like it, give it your full attention and energy.



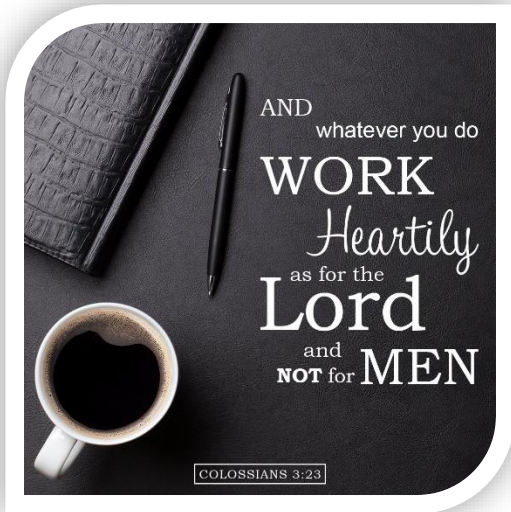
4. **Don't talk back.** (don't think we're tripping here) Don't argue with or talk back to your supervisor/teacher. Remember the scriptures.
5. **Don't steal from your supervisor/teacher or the Company itself.** Taking small things like paper clips, pens, wasting time, and using work time for personal business is stealing.
6. **Show all good fidelity.** Be faithful. Be a person that can be trusted and counted upon.

Such habits demonstrate our character in Christ. **Review Ephesians 6:6-8.**

Attitude

As in other areas of life, **attitude** is as important as **behavior** in work and classroom situations. It's possible to do a good job with a bad attitude, and miss doing God's will. (Read 2 Chronicles 25:1-2). Paul outlined several attitudes of a **wholehearted** worker.

1. **Respect and honor.** Treat your superiors with respect and honor. Even if you think the boss/teacher is a jerk, he or she deserves your respect because of his/her position.
2. **Singleness of heart.** During work or school hours, give full attention to the job or assignment. Make it your #1 priority. Work or class time is not for daydreaming, socializing (at least not during a test) or text messaging friends on your cell. You should stay focused on your main responsibility. Would you want a doctor or dentist watching TV while operating on you or cleaning your teeth?
3. **As unto the Lord.** Your real supervisor/instructor is Christ Himself. Whenever you work, regardless of the job or assignment, ultimately you serve Him. So work as though you are reporting directly to Christ –because you really are. Your behavior reflects Him.
4. **From the heart.** Perform your responsibilities **wholeheartedly**, not grudgingly. Consistently give your best.
5. **With good will.** Do your work cheerfully and in a helpful manner. Be the first one to volunteer, and don't forget to smile at people, those you are serving.
6. **Please Well.** In other words, do everything you can do to please your supervisor or teacher (within biblical reason). Use your initiative whenever possible, instead of waiting to be told what to do.



Again, the goal of having the right attitude is to demonstrate the character of Jesus Christ. People need to see what Jesus looks like as a student, son, daughter, employee or employer. Your attitude will definitely determine your altitude (*how far you go*).

Work Rewards


All that hard work – or lack of it- does not go unnoticed with God. The truth of Galatians 6:7 works in both the classroom and the jobplace.

We will receive back from the Lord what we put into our work. **While wholehearted work is a testimony for the Lord, bad work habits and attitudes are not!** Even if your teacher or

supervisor doesn't notice, God does. For the Christian, that should mean a lot. We don't always receive our rewards right away. God gives out the final paychecks or rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ (See 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Paul wrote to Titus: **“Teach** (urge, exhort) **servants** (students/employees) **to be obedient to their masters** (teachers/employers)...**that they may adorn** (call attention to) **the doctrine of God our Savior in all things**“(Titus 2:9-10). A good student or employee with a good work attitude stands out and causes people to ask questions. Many times this will lead to opportunities to witness about your faith in Christ and your desire to do God's will.

Memory Verse:



Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord.

*You serve the
Lord Christ.*

For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-25 CSB | TBV

Think About It

Personal Evaluation

Evaluate your work habits and attitudes by completing the Chart below. Answer the questions according to the following code:

Always = A Usually = U Rarely = R Sometimes = S Never = N

	Job	School Work	Home	Bible Studies	Ministry
Are you regularly on time?					
Do you listen well to instructions?					
Do you do everything you're told to do?					
Do you devote your full attention and energy to your work?					
Do you do your best, even when no one is watching you?					
Are you honest?					
Do you talk back or argue with the person in charge about your work assignments?					
Do you respect and honor the person in charge?					
Do you remember you are working for the Lord?					
Do you complete assignments on time?					

In light of Paul's description of working with your whole heart, which work habits and attitudes do you need to change?

Keep this sheet for your own personal reflection.

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odiOcz3bAjk>

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LESSON 21 Review Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/sQ3h78KL3bi886qh9>

Student name _____
(PRINT CLEARLY)

1. Briefly describe the work habits of someone you know who works with eye service (doing his/her best only when the boss is watching). Don't mention their name, just how you observe their work habits.
2. Fill in the Blanks. Whatever you do, _____ at it with all your _____, as working for the _____ not for men, since you know that you will receive an _____ from the Lord as a _____.
3. How can you do your chores at home with all your heart?
4. Why should you respect and honor your teacher/supervisor?
5. How can you work in singleness of heart and mind?
6. Multiple Choice: How do you become a worker who pleases your teacher/boss well?
 - A. Read a book at your desk when your teacher/boss is not looking
 - B. Tell employees in other departments how to do their work
 - C. Do your best at all times
 - D. Witness to your classmates/co workers on work time
7. Reread Ephesians 6:7. Explain how this principle relates to poor work habits.

8. How can Christians witness through their work habits and attitudes?

9. How can you show faithfulness in your schoolwork?

10. True/False. It's OK to complain about a job you don't like.