

Questions for Consideration—With the Master and Nothing Else! — Lesson 19—Colossians 3:22-4:1-
Working as Unto the Lord!

1. (a) Read Colossians 3:22-4:1 along with Ephesians 6:5-9. What admonitions does Paul give in these passages that are the same? (b) Do you see any differences?

2. Memorize Colossians 3:23.

3. (a) In looking at the work of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31:10-31, would you say she did her work as unto the Lord or unto men? (b) What were her attitudes in her work? (c) In what ways was she diligent? (d) How does this relate to what Paul says in Colossians 3:22-4:1?

4. (a) Make two columns on the back of your paper, one marked “Diligent”, the other marked “Lazy”. (b) Read the following Proverbs and contrast the diligent with the lazy. Proverbs 10:4-5; 12:24; 12:27; 13:4; 15:19; 18:9; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25-26; 22:13; 22:29; 24:30-34; 26:13-16; 27:23-27. (c) Write a summary sentence of what you have learned. (d) According to what Paul says in Colossians 3:22-25; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10; and Peter in 1 Peter 2:18-19 what should be the attitudes of those who work?

5. (a) In the parable mentioned in Matthew 25:14-30, which servants did their work as unto the Lord and which ones did not? (b) What was the result for each? (c) How does this parable fit with what Paul is saying in Colossians 3:22-4:1?

6. Why do you think Paul devotes the amount of space (number of verses in his letter to the Colossians) to the role of slaves/masters, in comparison with family relationships? For possible answers read Colossians 4:7-9 and the book of Philemon.

7. (a) When you work, whatever it may be, do you do it as unto the Lord? (b) Is your work done with your whole heart and with thoroughness and completeness? (c) How are you training your children to do work with a right attitude?

8. (a) How could you use the verses you have studied in Colossians to encourage someone who is struggling in their job (husband, friend, child, etc?) (b) Do you think when one is not enjoying their work they should quit? Why or why not?

9. What area of work is hard for you? Attitude? The actual work? Completion? Thoroughness? Etc? Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.