

## Pleasing your new boss

Colossians 3:22-4:1

- I. A Christian working for others must work to please Christ (Colossians 3:22-25).
  - A. Obey bosses to honor Christ's authority over you (3:22).
    - Obey even if you suffer unjustly (1 Peter 2:18).
    - The details of your work matter to God.
    - Don't work hard just to impress the boss when he is watching.
    - Work to sincerely help your boss because you want to honor Christ.
    - Your work is your testimony (1 Timothy 6:1).
    - Especially respect Christian bosses to help them succeed (1 Timothy 6:2).
  - B. Work diligently because you are working for Christ (3:23).
  - C. Work faithfully because Christ eternally rewards faithful work if you focus on serving Him (3:24).
  - D. God disciplines unfaithful workers AND bosses (3:25; Ephesians 6:5-8).
- II. Christian bosses must realize they also serve Christ who is their Boss (4:1).
  - A. Christian bosses must be generous and fair (4:1a).
  - B. Christian bosses are accountable to Christ (4:1b).
  - C. Christian bosses must not be harsh (Ephesians 6:9).