

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for August 30-31, 2003**

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**"Pursuing God in Our Work"**

**Colossians 3:22-4:1**

**1. The People: Slaves**

Slavery in the New Testament era was largely economic in nature.

Paul did not oppose slavery but taught how to live righteously within this social system.

**2. The Prescription: Submit**

Obedience must be in our actions

Obedience must be in our attitudes

The limitations to obedience:

- Moral limitations
- Physical limitations
- Contractual limitations

**3. The Principle: Serving the Lord rather than men**

The distinction often made between spiritual and secular employment is unbiblical.

One reason that Christians are tempted to merely please men is because their perspective on life is temporal.

Another reason that Christians are tempted to merely please men is because their perspective on life is self-serving.

Doing work heartily literally means "from the soul" or inspired from the core of our being.

Five reasons why we must do our work heartily for the Lord:

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- It is our responsibility
- It builds our reputation
- The Lord will reward us
- The real Lord is Christ
- The Lord is righteously impartial

Who you seek to please indicates who you value, which exposes your belief system.

### **4. The People: Supervisors**

- Supervisors should be just
- Supervisors should be fair

If we acknowledge our Master who is in heaven, we will not abuse the men who are on earth.