

My Ministry in the Marketplace

SERIES: It's Not Just a Job – Part 3

"Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, remembering it is the Lord who's going to pay you... He's the one you are really working for."
Colossians 3:23-24 (LB)

(Jesus) "Anything you've done for one of my brothers here however humble, you've done for me." **Matthew 25:40 (NEB)**

I. THE BENEFITS OF SERVING OTHERS

1. It makes life more MEANINGFUL.

"... long ago God planned that we should spend our lives in helping others."
Ephesians 2:10 (LB)

"Have our people learn to give their time in doing good, to provide for real needs ... not live useless lives." **Titus 3:14 (GN)**

"For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it."
Mark 3:14 (GN)

2. It makes me like CHRIST

"Look out for each other's interests, not just for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Jesus Christ had." **Philippians 2:4-5 (GN)**

(Jesus) "I didn't come to be served, but to serve..."
Matthew 20:28

3. I will be rewarded in ETERNITY.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! You've been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come share your Master's happiness!" **Matthew 25:21***

II. HOW TO HAVE A MINISTRY AT WORK

1. ACCEPT others unconditionally.

*"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." **Romans 15:7***

2. ENCOURAGE others continually.

"Encourage one another and build each other up..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"...speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Ephesians 4:29

3. FORGIVE others freely.

*"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." **Colossians 3:13***

4. By HELPING others willingly.

*"Whenever you possibly can do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help him now." **Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)***

Matthew 25:34-45