COLOSSIANS 3:22–4:1

22 Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.

1 Masters, supply your slaves with what is right and fair, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

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Additional passages

Romans 1:1; Galatians 4:4-7

Keyword

"Wholeheartedly" / Greek: "haplotēs"

Phonetic Pronunciation: hap-lot'-ace
Definition: From <G573> (haplous); 1. Singleness, simplicity, sincerity, mental honesty, 1a. The virtue of one who is free from pretence and hypocrisy, 2. Not self seeking, openness of heart manifesting itself by generousity.

Questions to consider

1. Does Paul consider himself a slave or a slave master?
2. How hard do you work when there is someone watching you? Does that look the same when God is watching? Why or why not? What needs to change?
3. What is so extraordinary about slaves receiving an inheritance? How should this relate to our expectation of wealth now?
4. Who do you work for?

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