

**The Office Sermon Series:  
Part #2 – My Boss Will Never Know  
Colossians 3:23-25**

**Series Summary**

Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided as much as possible. But for all of us, only one perspective on work really matters: God's. Four-part series.

**Series Passage**

**Colossians 3:23** – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

**Big Question**

**What if you could be the same person at work as you are at church?**

**Sermon Summary:** How do you deal with unethical practices at work? Throughout our lives we seek security, recognition, and progress which often tempts us to operate under different ethical standards at work than in our personal lives. This segregated living causes the loss of four things over time: integrity, moral authority, self-respect, and the opportunity to experience what God wants to accomplish through us.

**Three Pieces of Integrity****Big Idea – Integrity = One Person in Two Worlds**

- **Key Point** – The definition of integrity comes from the Latin root *integer* meaning wholeness of a person. A whole person is undivided, the same person no matter where they are at whether at home, workplace, church, or simply somewhere isolated and private. They are always one person, the same person in all the worlds they may enter into.

**Piece #1 – My Purpose*****Why do I Exist?***

- **Colossians 3:22** – Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.
- **Ephesians 2:10** – For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- **Key Point** – The key point here deals with our attitude of heart as to why we are doing what we are doing. Colossians tells us that when we set out to serve anyone whether we are slave or free we are to do it not for our own gain or welfare but we are to serve with sincerity of heart and respect for the Lord, meaning for His glory. This is why we were created: ***To Bring God Glory!***

**Piece #2 – My Principles*****What I Stand For?***

- **Proverbs 10:9** – The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.
- **Proverbs 11:3** – The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.
- **Proverbs 13:6** – Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- **James 1:22** – Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
- **Key Point** – This key point poses the question before us, what do I stand for? What are my principles? The principles I stand for are the principles that I live out in both my personal and private life. These principles help me determine what kind of a person I desire to be, one of integrity or lack of integrity. If we desire to be a person of integrity then we must seek integrity as God defines it through Scripture.

### Piece #3 – My Plan

#### *What Am I Up to?*

- **Colossians 3:23-24** – <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
- **Ephesians 6:7-8** – <sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.
- **Key Point** – This key point poses the question before us, what am I up to? Colossians 3 brings us to the basic understanding that as we serve others in this world, we are serving the Lord and not man therefore everything we do we are to work at it with all of our heart, whether the simple things that no one will notice or the complex things that everyone may notice, it should all be done for the glory of the Lord.

#### Question to Consider

Define integrity. How can you be a Christian of integrity in both your public & personal life?

#### Memory Verse

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#### Big Challenge

This work week set out to live each day by serving the Lord and not your boss. Try praying for your boss or other employees, give an encouraging word to others, do not complain or gossip about others but lift them up. Serve the Lord not man!

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