

PERSONAL MATURITY

JOB & SCHOOL | TIME | BUDGETING | REST

As Christians, we're not just called to be solid in our spiritual convictions and disciplines, we should also be the first ones to clearly represent to the world that Jesus has changed ALL of us, not just some made up version of ourselves that we present at church.

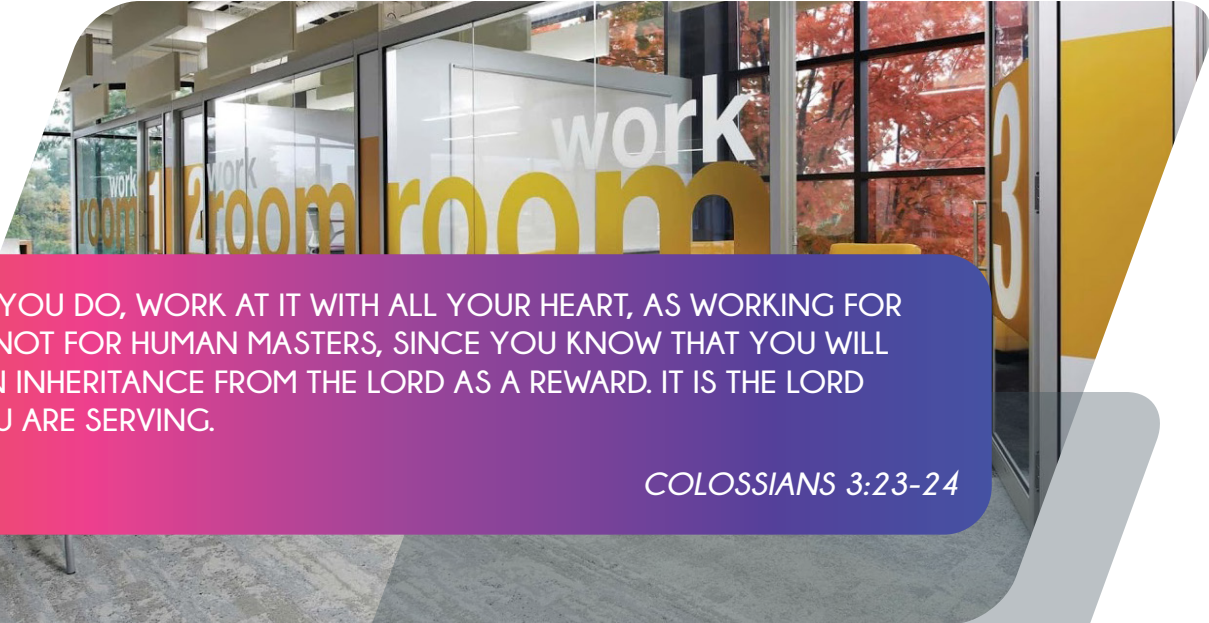
In our vocations, whether that's a job, schooling, or some combination of both, we should be giving the absolute best we have to offer to whatever God has called us to do. Representing Jesus in our workplace isn't just about sharing the gospel, it's also about showing a Godly work ethic, bringing morality and goodness into our workplaces, and practicing what we preach in every area of our lives.

We have the same responsibility in our personal lives, in the way that we spend our resources of time and money. Time is the one thing we have no way to get more of, so every second we have is a gift from God. We need to be constantly evaluating

how we are spending the time we have to best live out Biblical values, and build the Kingdom while we have time left on this earth.

In the same way, we should be using all of our financial resources in accountability to take care of the earthly responsibilities that God has given us, as well as investing in Kingdom building projects, missional opportunities, and people we are reaching with the Gospel.

Finally, we also need to be responsible with the way that we rest. If we truly represent God, Christians should be the best people in the world at modeling working hard AND playing hard. When God created the world and everything in it, He showed us how to rest well. In the same way, we have a responsibility to know our boundaries, and rest WITH God to build up the spiritual, physical, emotional and mental energy to get back to work at the proper time.



WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

PERSONAL MATURITY CONT.

1

Are you adding to society and to the Kingdom with your vocation? Are you treating your job or school like it's worth your time? What needs to change?

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Are you being faithful with the little things in your life? If you talked with your peers, would they say you are a model of work ethic, or are you lazy?

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Are you faithful to show up on time to work/school? Are you constantly rushing to get places, or do you have a healthy amount of margin in your schedule?

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Map out the amount of time you spend on everything throughout the week. Are your priorities in the right place? Are you doing important things with your time?

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Do you have a healthy amount of money coming in? Are you spending according to what you have and your needs, or are you living in excess? Are you in debt? What are you doing to pay it off and be free from it, as well as save for the future?

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Are you using your money for Kingdom advancement, or selfish gain? Are you tithing and giving? If not, start tithing now. How are you going to budget to start giving beyond your tithe?

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Are you taking time every day to rest in a healthy way? Are you getting enough sleep? Do you know how you best rest? What needs to change?

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Are you taking a sabbath day away from your normal work life to take extra time with God, and serve your family well? How can you better implement this?

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN DISCIPLESHIP

RESOURCE	AUTHOR / CREATOR	TYPE
Celebration of Discipline	Richard Foster	Book
Unleashed	Erwin McManus	Book
The Business Revival	D. Brandon Haire	Book
The Gospel at Work	Sebastian Traeger	Book
Economics for Everybody	R.C. Sproul Jr.	Book
The Total Money Makeover	Dave Ramsey	Book
The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry	John Mark Comer	Book
I Just Need Time to Think!	Mark Eckel	Book
Margin	Richard Swenson	Book
Permission to Walk	Megan Evans	Book

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