

G.F.I. w/E²!
Life Overflowing! A Study in Colossians—Part 23
Colossians 3:22—4:1
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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. ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. ^{4:1}Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.”

--Colossians 3:22—4:1

G.F.I. w/ E²! stands for: _____.

Our English word “enthusiasm” is a combination of two Greek words, en theos which literally means “_____.”

Two important areas where you should demonstrate enthusiastic excellence:

1. G.F.I. E/ E² in your _____

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”
--John 5:17

“Six days you shall work.” --Exodus 20:9

Notice God’s instructions to workers and employers:

- a. As an employee, work at your job like _____ is your boss!

“Don’t just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ’s servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you’re really serving God. Good work will get you good pay from the Master.”--Ephesians 6:7-8 (The Message)

- b. As an employer, treat your workers like you want to be treated by the _____!

“Masters, it’s the same with you. NO abuse, please, and no threats. You and your workers are under the same Master in heaven.”
--Ephesians 6:9 (The Message)

“You are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.” --Colossians 3:24

“WHATEVER you do, do it heartily.” --Colossians 3:23

2. G.F.I. w/ E² in your _____

Two areas where I pray that we here at FCC should GFI w/E² are:

1. Worship the Lord _____!

“Love the Lord your God with ALL YOUR HEART and with all your soul and with all your mind.”--Matthew 22:37

2. Serve the Lord _____!

“Worship the Lord with gladness!”--Psalm 100:2

“To this end I labor, struggling with all his ENERGY, which so powerfully works in me.”--Colossians 1:29

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be as wool.” --Isaiah 1:18