

**WHAT ARE WORKERS TO BE IN CHRIST?
THE WORD DWELLING RICHLY
Colossians 3:22-4:1**

- I. **SERVANTS/ EMPLOYEES SERVE CHRIST FROM THE HEART (22-25)**
 - A. ***THE MANDATE:* OBEY YOUR EARTHLY MASTERS IN ALL THINGS (22a)**
 - 1. Some **PRELIMINARY ISSUES** concerning slavery and work
 - 2. **The Commands: Submit and obey your masters in all things (22a)**

 - B. ***THE MANNER:* WE ARE TO FEAR AND SERVE CHRIST FROM THE HEART (22b-23)**
 - 1. **Not with faux fear** of man (eye service, as a man pleaser) (22)
 - 2. **But fearing the Lord from a sincere of heart (22b)**
 - 3. **Doing everything from the soul as to the Lord and not for men (23)**

 - C. ***THE MOTIVATION:* WE ARE SERVE THIS WAY BECAUSE THE LORD IS OUR ULTIMATE MASTER AND WILL REWARD US (24-25)**
 - 1. **Knowing it is from the Lord you will be eternally recompensed for your earthly service (24)**
 - 2. **Because it is the Lord Christ you serve, and He recompense the wrong doer without partiality (24b-25)**

- II. **MASTERS/ EMPLOYERS TREAT YOUR SERVANTS/EMPLOYEES PROPERLY because their heavenly master is your master (4:1)**
 - A. ***The Mandate and Manner:* Offering to your employees' justice and fairness (1a)**

 - B. ***The Motivation:* You too have a Master in heaven (1b)**