



# Church of Christ

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## Heart to Heart...

Many are unhappy with their jobs. It's either too many hours, not enough money or the co-workers are difficult. There can be a lot of reasons. People become discontent and restless. Our joy is stolen and it leads us into complaining or unhappiness. What are we missing?

It might do us well to go back and look at our place in this world. Have we broken our lives down into two categories? (1) Our spiritual life, which is reading the Bible and church? (2) Our daily life, which is working and taking care of home? It is a tragedy to break our lives down like this. Our life should be Christ! Paul said that in Col. 3:4. What does that mean? Let's look more closely.

**"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."** (I Pet. 2:5) God is trying to build us into a spiritual house so we have something to offer back. We can't repay Him for paying the price for our sins. What we can do is live our lives offering up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus. The things we do on a daily basis are either acceptable or unacceptable. God is thrilled when we offer Him back a sacrifice from our heart because of His love for us. **"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done and that without partiality."** (Col. 4:23-25) Here lies our answer. Who do you work for? Do you see your job as something given by the Lord and you offer a sacrifice back to Him that is acceptable? Is your job an opportunity, not only to help provide the needs of your family, but show Christ to the world? Is your work done heartily for the Lord?

When we work for our pleasure and ourselves alone, we miss the wonderful things of God. We stop His work in us! Our complaining keeps us from *"doing our work heartily"* for the Lord. What do we get in return? A burdened life, full of complaining and robbed of joy. Paul reminded the Corinthian brethren, **"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."** (I Cor. 10:31) To do things to God's glory is to offer our sacrifices to Him in an acceptable way. Paul was a tent maker. Why did he do it? As a sacrifice to the Lord, trying to help the cause of the gospel, and so that he would not burden someone with giving help to him (I Cor. 9:1-18). It was all a spiritual sacrifice to the glory of God!

Our attitude is reflected toward the Lord in our daily lives. Our lives reflect our thankfulness for the sacrifice of our Lord. Read Rom. 12:1-2 again. Are your sacrifices pleasing to Him? Think about it!!!

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