



God's Will in Our Work
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I. Follow Leadership with The Right Attitude.

Verse 18 – Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

II. Endure Suffering with Godly Grace.

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1 Corinthians 4:12-13 (NIV)

“We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly.”

III. Recognize Christ as your Ultimate Boss.

Verse 19 – “...for the sake of conscience toward God.”

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Colossians 3:23 (HCSB)

“Do it enthusiastically as something done for the Lord...”

- God will give you a new excitement for your work.
- God will help you to “go the second mile”.

Matthew 5:41-42 (NIV)

“If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

“The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays—not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.” – Martin Luther

IV. Accept Your Workplace as Your Mission Field.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders...”