



CHAPTER EIGHT

MARKETPLACE EVANGELISM

Colossians 3v22-4v6

Many Christians will spend a large portion of their life in a work environment. Marketplace evangelism may be the most significant form of outreach for many believers to improve upon. **Colossians 3v22-4v6** gives us some useful insights for marketplace evangelism. In the following passage “Paul gives a series of practical advice, which would be as relevant for employees today as for slaves then.”

The New Bible Commentary (D. Guthrie chief editor.)

Read **Colossians 3v22-4:1**

RIGHT ATTITUDE

1. What does 3:22 teach us about exhibiting a good attitude towards work?

RIGHT ACTIONS

2. What do you think it means to work at something with all our heart? **(3v23)**

3. Why do you think the Apostle Paul emphasises that, in the work place, one should complete the assignment as if working for Christ? **(3v23-24)**

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

4. Have you ever been employed in an environment where there was a negative relationship between the management and other staff? What was the atmosphere like?

5. What do you think the Scriptures mean in reference to “doing wrong” and “no favouritism”? **(3v25)**

6. As Christians, why should knowing that God is watching over us motivate us to do what is right and fair to others in our place of employment? (4v1)

7. How is this being a good witness?

Read **Colossians 4v2-6**

PRA YER

8. In the context of being a good witness in the work environment, Paul talks about prayer. What do you think it means to be watchful and thankful as you seek to pray for the lost at your place of employment? (4v2)

9. Have you ever considered teaming up with another Christian at work and praying together for lost colleagues? How would you go about this?

10. Like Paul, how could you ask for others to pray for you as you endeavour to be a witness in your place of employment? (4v3-4)

CONVERSATION

11. What do you think the Scriptures mean when we are told to “make the most of every opportunity” when around “outsiders”? (4v5)

Romans 10v17 states: “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” This Scripture reminds us that the words we speak can be powerful.

12. What do you think it means to have conversation “full of grace” yet “seasoned with salt?” (**4v6**)

As an added insight it may be helpful to look at another translation. The Contemporary English Version words chapter **4v5-6** as follows:

“When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time. Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message. Choose your words carefully and be ready to give answers to anyone who asks questions.”

13. How can we be better prepared to give persuasive answers to those who ask questions related to faith?
