

## CONCLUSION:

### "PRACTICAL STEPS FOR WINNING AT WORK"

1. Get a **new** job...

**Key:** Not a different one, but a different way of looking at the one you now have...before you change your job — change your attitude.

2. Go to work for a **new** boss...

**Key:** same job but a different reason for working. The new boss is God and every day your desire is to please Him.

3. Stop working for a **living**.

**Key:** We were never to work for a living. We ask the question, "what do you do for a living?" It's an irrelevant, distorting question. Our living is Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul didn't say, "For me, to live is to be a tentmaker." Rather, he said, "For me to live is Christ." When Jesus Christ becomes the Lord of our life, the very meaning of our existence, then we become free to do our jobs and to do them well, to the glory of God, but not as the essential purpose of our being. A surrender of our lives to Jesus Christ gives us perspective on our work. It gives us power to work hard and gives us priorities in which to place work

where it belongs as a part of a whole life....

4. Find a **new** company.

**Key:** "Not a new organization, but a company of believers with whom you can meet consistently to talk about what it might mean to be faithful obedient to Jesus Christ on your job."

### REMEMBER:

#### Ephesians 6:7

**"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord not men."**

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Daniel 6:3

*"Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps (government officials) by his exceptional qualities that the King planned to set him over the whole kingdom."*

### INTRODUCTION

**Quote:** I never put on a uniform to play a game—I put on a uniform to win.  
—Larry Bird

#### I. **Winners Just Do it ! (Colossians 3:23)**

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

**Point:** The Christian workman is to work **heartily** —as to the Lord and not to men.

**Heartily** means out of the soul.

## TWO CRITICAL REASONS WHY THE CHRISTIAN WORKMAN WORKS DILIGENTLY.

1. Diligent work will **be honored** by Christ. **(I Corinthians 15:58)** "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord **is not in vain.**"
2. **Slothful work and idleness will be judged by Christ.** **(II Corinthians 5:10)**

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

  - A. Your **faith** should impact your work.
  - B. Your **energy** should impact others. **(Philippians 12:4)**

"**Each of you** should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."
  - C. Your **ability** is a gift from God. **(I Peter 4:10)**

**Each one** should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

## II. WINNERS NEVER CHEAT. (Daniel 6:4-5)

The administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

1. We are **ambassadors** for Christ in the market place.
2. We must **"touch"** for Jesus  
**Quote:** We are all "little Christs."  
When we touch, we touch for Christ. —Martin Luther

## III. Winners Honor God! (Daniel 1:8)

"But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

1. Total **quality** is the mark of a Christian. **(I Corinthians 3:13-15 TEV)**

"The quality of each person's work will be seen when the Day of Christ exposes it. For on that Day fire will reveal everyone's work; the fire will test it and show its real quality. If

(it) survives the fire, the builder will receive a reward. But if your work is burnt up, then you will lose it; but you yourself will be saved."

2. Jesus is our model for **excellence.** **(Mark 7:23)**

People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

### Quote:

- A. "Striving for excellence in our work, whatever it is, it is not only our Christian duty but a basic form of our Christian witness." — Ted Engstrom
  - B. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit." — Aristotle
  - C. "Excellence is giving your best, when your personal best is needed." — John Wooden
3. God requires our total **devotion.** **(Proverbs 19:8)**

"He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who cherishes understanding prospers.