

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Luther & Martha Smith | Papua New Guinea

PRAISE

- Praise God for 45 years of service in Papua New Guinea.
- Praise God that Luther was able to receive care from recent heart attack.
- Praise God for caring brother and sisters that cared for and prayed over Luther during treatment.

PRAY

- Pray for the Smith's son wife, Dawn, who struggles with severe health issues.
- Pray for Luther's sister-in-law, Mary, as his brother, Mark, went home to be with the Lord.
- Pray for the Bible School ministries as 5 families are graduating in December.
- Pray for Gary Keck, who is still in the US under doctor's care.
Pray that he will be able to return soon.



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Study Date: 01/18/26

Take God To Work

Obviously, the first step to taking God anywhere is to ask Him into your life—not just to be your Savior, but also your Lord. The Bible is the story of His love for mankind, and you in particular. If you are not yet a believer, please do come along. I'm praying that by the end of this book, you would like to join millions of others who take God to work each day.

God never intended you to function in this world on a solo basis. He wants to be actively engaged in all parts of your life. Believers have the Holy Spirit as a resident within them, but God wants to be your President. He wants to tear down the wall of partition between your work life and your spiritual life. Not only can you consult with Him at work, but you can also co-labor with Him. If you accept His challenge, He will help you to be your best and make the most of every opportunity. Will you take the challenge to influence your workplace in a positive way for Christ?

Like every life-giving thing, God created work. In Genesis 2:5, we read that there existed "no man to till the ground." So, God created men and women to work in the Garden and take care of the world. God wants to have fellowship with mankind as we enjoy and use all aspects of His creation, including work. From the earliest times until now, the primary purpose of work has been for men and women to take care of God's world and each other. Whether our current role is to clean hotel rooms or manage a Fortune 500 company, our efforts care for our fellow travelers here.

Working as unto the Lord has a potentially world-changing side effect. Your co-workers may see your extra effort and realize there is something different about you. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Enthusiasm, a good attitude, and even exhibiting joy in spite of tough times will draw attention to you in a good way. Working unto God doesn't mean you have the license to ignore your earthly boss, but this principle will instill an extra motivator to keep you working diligently when no one is looking.

Resource: Taking God To Work - Pastor Steve Reynolds & David Winters

KEY VERSE

Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not to men.”

Read Colossians 3:22-4:1 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Col. 3:23; Gen. 1:1,2:27-28; Ex. 20:9; I Thes. 3:10

Realize Work Is Spiritual

1. What standard is Colossians 3:23 calling us to in all that we do? What is the difference between “unto the Lord” and “unto men?”
2. What are God’s *clear commands* in both Exodus 20:9 and I Thessalonians 3:10? What do these Scriptures teach us about the value God puts on *work*?

Tuesday: Col. 3:22; Eph. 6:5; 1 Pet. 2:18; I Tim. 6:1-2

Obey Your Boss

3. Many of us can relate to a situation where their “boss” is difficult to work with. What does Colossians 3:22 *demand* of us as followers non the less?
4. How is I Timothy 6:1-2 related to this topic of being obedient to the master we serve. How is being obedient to our boss setting an example for others?

Wednesday: Colossians 3:23; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Ephesians 6:6-7

Worship God Wholeheartedly

5. What simple message is being conveyed to us in Ecclesiastes 9:10? What does “*do it with your might*” express in regard to how hard we must work?
6. Ephesians 6:6-7 compares “*men-pleasers*” to “*bondservants of Christ*.” How would YOU explain the meaning of both to a new believer?

Thursday: Colossians 3:24-25

Receive Your Reward

7. What promise is given to us who serve the Lord wholeheartedly in our work according to Colossians 3:24?
8. What will come of those who have “*done wrong*” according to Colossians 3:25? What payment will they receive?
9. How often do you feel that you have not received the reward YOU are entitled to? Is it possible that you may need to analyze your efforts?

Friday: Colossians 3:23-24; Ephesians 6:9

Lead With Integrity And Humility

10. What does Colossians 3:23-24 teach us about our Lord and His faithfulness to those who follow Him? Will He ever deny the faithful?
11. While we have talked much about obeying our “*masters*,” what are our “*masters*” called to? How are they called to lead us? (Ephesians 6:9)
12. Who are YOU potentially a “*master*” to in your life? How well are you obeying Ephesians 6:9? Do YOU lead with *integrity* and *humility*?