C. Earn your bonus (vs 24-25).

"knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." Ephesians 6:8

"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

II Corinthians 5:10

"24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.

25 Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden." I Timothy 5:24-25

II. FOLLOWING JESUS AS AN EMPLOYER (4:1)

"And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him." Ephesians 6:9

"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."

James 3:1

CONCLUSION:

"FOLLOW ME"

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

#JESUS

Following Jesus In The Workplace Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. In today's society, we "follow", post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

"6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
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April 19	Following Jesus In Ministry
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May 3	Following Jesus In Habits
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May 31	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

C. TEXT: Colossians 3:22-4:1 (Pew Bible/Pg. 210/New Test.)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE WORKPLACE

I. FOLLOWING JESUS AS AN EMPLOYEE (3:22-25)

A. Obey your boss (v22).

"Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;"

Ephesians 6:5

"Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh."

I Peter 2:18

"ILet as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things."

I Timothy 6:1-2

"9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things." Titus 2:9-10

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

I Corinthians 10:31

B. Do your best (v23).

"6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men," Ephesians 6:6-7

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."

Ecclesiastes 9:10

"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" Romans 12:11

"6 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread."

II Thessalonians 3:6-12