

Professional Excellence and Commitment

A significant part of our Christian witness is the way we approach our work in life and our attitude toward it. Sociologists tell us that each generation is less likely to aim at excellence in their work or to make commitments than previous generations. Perhaps it is based on a greater mistrust of people or institutions, but the value of commitment is clearly taught in Scripture. You will be required to make a tremendous commitment, not only in time, but in loyalty, as an officer.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men. (Proverbs 22:29)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. (Luke 16:10)

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

This is what the LORD says; “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this; that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

1. Why are we to do our best for Christ’s sake in our work?
 2. What does it say when we are a sloppy Christian in our work?
 3. Are there guarantees of promotion and recognition if we do our best in our work?
 4. Why do we tend to avoid commitment?
 5. What criteria can we use to decide where our commitments should be?
 6. Do you feel that you avoid commitments? Why or why not?
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MEMORIZE: 2 Timothy 2:15

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