

# LIVING WITH INTEGRITY

## Colossians 3:22-4:1

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 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. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. - Colossians 3:22-4:1*

### 1. CHOOSE HOW YOU WILL TREAT SUPERIORS.

- a. Dead end choices
  - i. hypocrisy
  - ii. disdain
- b. Result of dead end choices—a fractured life.
  - i. resentment
  - ii. dishonesty
  - iii. distrust
  - iv. insecurity
- c. Life expanding choices
  - i. sincerity
  - ii. reverence
  - iii. accountability
- d. Result of life expanding choices—an integrated life.
  - i. respect
  - ii. honesty
  - iii. trust
  - iv. security

2. CHOOSE HOW YOU WILL TREAT SUBORDINATES.

a. Dead end choices

i. hypocrisy

ii. disdain

b. Result of dead end choices—a fractured life.

c. Life expanding choices

i. sincerity

ii. reverence

iii. accountability

d. Result of life expanding choices—an integrated life.

i. respect

ii. honesty

iii. trust

iv. security

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## ***Discussion Questions***

1. How is the slave/master relationship affected by Christ?
2. What counter-cultural principles from Colossians can you work on to help you be a better employee or employer?
3. Applying Paul's teaching to your work environment, what will you do differently this week?