

## Every Believer is in “Full Time” Ministry

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### Scriptures:

*Colossians 3:17, Colossians 3:22,23,*

*1Corinthians 10:31,*

*Hebrews 4:10, 2Corinthians 5:17.*

When a person is born again by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, *John 3:3,5, Peter 1:23*, is baptised into Christ, *Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3*, and has put on Christ, they are a new creation of God. *2Corinthians 5:17.*

In this new life in Christ we focus on Him.

We have been raised with Him. *Colossians 3:1.*

We seek those things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1.*

We set our mind on things above, not on things on the earth. *Colossians 3:2.*

We have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. *Colossians 3:3.*

This is the calling of everyone who is a believer in Jesus Christ.

All believers are ministers of Christ, all the time, in every location. *1Peter 2:5,9, Revelation 1:6.*

One may ask, “How can this be?”

*Colossians 3:17 and Colossians 3:22, 23* explain to us how it works.

As we go about our daily routine we can focus on Jesus and do everything “as unto Him.” *Colossians 3:23,*

*1Corinthians 10:31.*

“We can do all in the Name of the Lord Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” *Colossians 3:17.*

“Whatever we do, we can do it joyfully, as to the Lord, and not unto men, **KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD WE SHALL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE: BECAUSE WE ARE SERVING THE LORD JESUS.**” *Colossians 3:22,23.*

One day I was staying in a church house in Northland, New Zealand. The Pastor’s wife was caring for three children under 5 years old. One day she explained to me that she was very upset, because her husband was out every day “doing the work of the ministry”, while she had to stay at home and look after the children.

I shared *Colossians 3:22,23*, with her. I said, “Sister, as you care for the children, doing everything you do, joyfully, as to the Lord and not unto men, **you will receive the full reward of the inheritance we have in Christ, because you are serving the Lord Jesus as much as your husband.** Your ministry to the children, is just as spiritual and rewardable as what your husband is doing. You are raising up mighty servants of God and of Christ. I think your ministry is just as important as your husband’s, in fact I think that it is more important.”

“There is no greater ministry than raising up godly children” *Malachi 2:15, Matthew 18:3,4, Matthew 19:13,14.*

Those who lead children to Jesus and teach them in the ways of God are doing the most significant ministry that there is. *Proverbs 22:6, Ecclesiastes 12:1, 2Timothy 1:5.*

In the 2Timothy reference, the faith that Timothy had, came from his grandmother, to his mother and then to him. Timothy was a mighty servant of God, leading the whole church at Ephesus, but where did his faith come from? Who will get the credit and praise from God?

The majority of believers come to the Lord as children and as teenagers.

The main purpose of marriage and family is to raise up godly children. *Malachi 2:15.*

**No matter what your job is in life, choose to do everything you do as unto the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be fully rewarded by the Lord in the last day. *Luke 14:12-14.***

This last statement is a valid definition of **true worship to the Lord our God and Saviour.**

This is one of the ways **we worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth.** This pleases God. *John 4:23,24.*

God is **the Rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him. *Hebrews 11:6.*