

If Jesus were the Sunday School Director

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Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord – you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 HCSB

Think about all that the Lord has done for you. The forgiveness that you received that came through the atoning death of Jesus is enough all by itself to cause you to marvel at His love and grace. Can you say with all sincerity that you have been forgiven, that you live with the presence of the Spirit in your life, that you are destined for eternity in heaven, and that Jesus Christ has transformed your life as you have grown in your relationship with Him? These possessions and privileges are not exhaustive but only represent a sample of what God has done for you. This is your testimony, is it not?

Consider the following contrasts:

- A Sunday School leader shows up late almost every week.
- A choir member attends rehearsals sporadically.
- A soloist cannot remember the words because he or she has not rehearsed.
- A member does not contribute to the offering because a staff member hurt his or her feelings.
- An instrumentalist does not show up and does not bother to call and give his or her leader a “heads up.”

The contrasts are no more exhaustive than the testimony in the opening paragraph. Question: When would a Sunday School leader arrive if Jesus were the Sunday School director? How committed would a choir member be if Jesus were the minister of music? How prepared would a soloist be if they were performing personally for Jesus? How would a member’s contributions be affected if Jesus were the one who hurt their feelings? Would an instrumentalist call ahead and/or make appropriate arrangements if Jesus were in charge of the orchestra.

I’ve got news for you. Jesus is the director. Jesus is the Leader. Jesus is the one you are serving and performing for. “Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord.” Don’t go through the motions. Don’t cash it in. Give it your best. How sad it would be for an unchurched person to observe your efforts and to interpret a disconnect between the blessings you acknowledge and the service or lack thereof that you return to the Lord in appreciation for his love and grace. “You serve the Lord Christ.”