Five-Day Devotional Reading Guide

Complete in Christ | A Workplace Shaped by Christ
Sermon Text: Colossians 3:22–4:1 (CSB)

Main Idea: Christ shapes the way we work so that our work becomes a testimony of the transforming power of Christ.

This five-day guide is designed to help you reflect on Sunday's sermon and apply God's Word throughout the week. Each day includes a Scripture reading, a short devotion, a reflection question, and a prayer.

MONDAY | Integrity When No One Is Watching

Scripture: Colossians 3:22

Paul reminds believers that their work should be characterized by sincerity rather than simply trying to impress others. Integrity means doing what is right even when nobody is watching. As Christians, our honesty and faithfulness should come from our desire to honor the Lord. Whether we're at work, at home, or serving in the church, our actions should reflect the character of Christ.

Reflect: Am I the same person when nobody is watching as I am when others are around?

Prayer: Lord, help me to live with integrity in everything I do. May my actions reflect Your character even when nobody else sees. Amen.

TUESDAY | Working for an Audience of One

Scripture: Colossians 3:23

It's easy to approach our daily responsibilities as something we simply have to get through. But Paul reminds us that our work has a greater purpose. Whatever we do, we should do it wholeheartedly as service to the Lord. When we recognize that Jesus is the One we ultimately serve, even ordinary tasks become opportunities to honor Him.

Reflect: How would my attitude toward my responsibilities change if I approached every task as an opportunity to serve Jesus?

Prayer: Father, remind me that everything I do can bring glory to You. Help me approach today's responsibilities with a willing heart. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | God Sees Your Faithfulness

Scripture: Colossians 3:24–25

Have you ever worked hard at something and felt like nobody noticed? Paul reminds believers that their service to Christ is never overlooked. God sees the sacrifices, the effort, and the faithfulness that others may never recognize. Our salvation is not earned through our work, but because we belong to Christ, we can serve with confidence that our labor for Him matters.

Reflect: Am I seeking recognition from people, or am I content knowing that God sees my faithfulness?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for seeing the things others may overlook. Help me serve faithfully, even when my efforts go unnoticed. Amen.

THURSDAY | Leading with Fairness

Scripture: Colossians 4:1

Paul reminds those in authority that they, too, have a Master in heaven. Christian leadership should never be about favoritism, selfish ambition, or using others for personal gain. Instead, we should treat people with fairness, dignity, and respect. Whether we lead employees, serve in a church ministry, or make decisions affecting others, our leadership should reflect the character of Jesus.

Reflect: Do I treat people fairly, or do my personal preferences sometimes influence how I treat others?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me treat others with fairness and respect. May the way I lead and serve demonstrate Your love and justice. Amen.

FRIDAY | Let Your Work Be Your Witness

Scripture: Matthew 5:16; Colossians 3:17

Jesus calls us to let our light shine before others so that God receives the glory. One of the ways we do that is through our daily work. Our honesty, dependability, kindness, and fairness can demonstrate the difference Christ has made in our lives. We may never preach a sermon to our coworkers, but our actions can point them toward Jesus. When Christ shapes the way we work, our work becomes a testimony of His transforming power.

Reflect: What does the way I work and treat others communicate about my relationship with Jesus Christ?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, let my life be a testimony of Your transforming power. Help others see Your character through my words, attitudes, and actions. Amen.

A Challenge for the Week

Choose one responsibility you face this week and intentionally approach it as an opportunity to honor Jesus Christ. Remember, your work does not have to be seen by everyone to be meaningful to God.