

# "Unto the Lord"

*"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:7-8)*

The title of my message tonight is "Unto the Lord." We see from our text that whatever we do we should do it as "unto the Lord." "Whether we live we should live us unto the Lord" and "Whether we die we should die as unto the Lord." The bible says in 1 Cor. 10:31: "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." We should do everything as unto the Lord and to the glory of God.

I will give you four areas in our lives in which we should do it as "unto the Lord":

## 1. GIVING

*"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." (Matthew 6:1-4)*

When we give to others we should do it as "unto the Lord." We should not give with the wrong motive "to be seen by men" and to have praise from men but we should do everything as "unto the Lord."

## 2. PRIVATE PRAYER

*"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." (Matthew 6:5-6)*

Also in our private prayers we should pray as "unto the Lord." We should not pray with the wrong motive "to be seen by men" and to be praised by men for our piety and holiness but we should pray as "unto the Lord."

### 3. MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS

*"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:34-40)*

Also when we minister to our brothers and sisters in the Lord we should do it as "unto the Lord." We should not show partiality but treat all members of His body the same and care for every member of His body the same. The bible says in Hebrews 6:10: "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Our labor is not in vain for remember whatever you do even to the least of the saints you have done it unto Christ. Remember next time you visit a sick brother or sister or you share your bread with a brother or sister that in actuality you are doing it to Christ!

### 4. VOCATIONALLY

*"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:22-24)*

And finally in our vocation we should do everything as "unto the Lord." We should work heartily (with zeal and eagerness) as "unto the Lord" for we ultimately are serving Christ. Remember next time when you are in your vocation and you have a very unpleasant boss over you. Remember that you are ultimately serving Christ and not this unpleasant master. Think of it this way: that Christ is your master and you are serving Him. Having this right perspective will help you increase in your diligence in your vocation.

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