



How, Lord ... Can I Work with Joy?

Closing Devotion

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men ... (Colossians 3:23).

The sign was posted on the inside of the church door: "The Mission Field Starts Here."
Where else could that sign be placed?

A teacher could paste it into her daily plan book. A farmer could put it on the steering wheel of his pickup. Parents could stick it on the bathroom mirror. Why? Because each one of us has a mission field right in front of us.

How do God's people approach their respective mission fields? Do their attitudes reflect the love of God? Do their faces show the joy of serving Him? Is the work done half-heartedly or *heartily*, a heart responding to the love of the Lord?

Think of your personal mission field. Thank God for it. Then evaluate how you worked in it during the past 24 hours, the past week, the past month. Did the people you served see the Lord in you and in your work?

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us remember that our work is our mission field. Forgive us when we have a poor attitude. Help us serve You with a joyful heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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