

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 20/01/08
“Work: Prison or Place of Destiny?”
Adrian Holloway

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

1. What challenges do you have when obeying your boss in terms of:
 - a) Right actions in all things (vs 22a: “obeying in everything”)
 - b) Right motives at all times (vs 22b: “out of reverence for the Lord,” even when the boss isn’t looking)

2. How do you feel about the two reasons given in vs 23-24 for obeying in all things at all times:
 - a) the boss (vs 23: “as working for the Lord”)
 - b) the incentive scheme (vs 24: “an inheritance as a reward.”)

3. Gavin says: “Secular work for the Christian is a mind-numbing futile waste of time, which just drags me down. It’s only redeeming features are that it means I can tithe to the church, and occasionally witness to people.” What light does Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:3, Genesis 2:15, throw on Gavin’s statement?

4. Does anyone in the group want prayer for them and their work situation?

5. Adrian Holloway recommends the following books on work:
Ken Costa: “God at Work - Living Every Day With Purpose”
Mark Greene: “Thank God it’s Monday”
David Oliver: “Love Work, Live Life – Releasing God’s Purpose in Work”
All three books are great, and are written by British authors drawing on their experience of working in a “non-christian environment.” Available on www.amazon.co.uk