

**UNSHAKABLE
STANDING STRONG WHEN THINGS GO WRONG
Career Challenges
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B. Work **Heartily**: doing what I love; loving what I do!!
A mark of being filled with the Lord's Spirit is the evidence of the Lord's joy which will be our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

C. Work **Confidently**: knowing the Lord - who has promised and is an impartial Judge - will reward you justly and fairly.

- Your Work is **YOU** so 'Don't let yourself down!'

CONCLUSION:

Your Work Inspection:

1. How much *faith* [trusting in God] does your job involve? It's not just human productivity, but divine **creativity**.
2. Do people see Christ's All-**Sufficiency** in your work, an exhibition of *Imago Dei* – God's glorious creativity?
3. (If) When you succeed in your job/assignment, what global **impact** do you envision having, and **legacy** will you leave?

OBEY GOD'S WORD ABOUT CAREER CHALLENGES

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:"

Matthew 7:24

INTRODUCTION

A. What storms in your life are shaking you? The storms of life will cause you to fall unless you build a rock solid life.

"He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps."

Psalm 40:2

B. During the Unshakable spiritual growth campaign you will learn how to stand strong when things go wrong. This teaching series will focus on the top storms of life that will shake you.

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These are tough times! Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Unshakable!

C. TEXT: Colossians 3:23 (Pew Bible/Pg. 112/New Testament)

STANDING STRONG OVER CAREER CHALLENGES

“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men; Knowing that of the Lord you will receive the reward...” - Colossians 3:23-24

INTRODUCTION:

Paul wrote this letter as a **prisoner** in Rome around A.D. 60-62 to Christians in Colossae. It clarifies the **Supremacy** and All-Sufficiency of Christ, not only in all **creation** and the church, but equally at our **workplace** and with regard to personal **career** goals! This exhortation to succeed in one’s career is given in the context of Christian **slaves** (one third) in the pagan Roman Empire.

After declaring Christ’s preeminence in everything, Paul shows how this practically works out in one’s duties in the Roman **household** code of conduct. Did Paul have his friend Philemon, to whom he wrote and his runaway slave Onesimus in mind? The high **Christology** here warrants a new attitude and work **ethic** (word and deed v.17) that believers had to **display** “in the name of the Lord.”

I. YOUR CAREER: LIFE’S **PURPOSE** IS A DIVINE VOCATION

We were **created** for and **commanded** to work (Gen.1:28). God blessed them (both Adam and Eve) and said to them, *“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion...”*

Question: What is your present, divine **assignment**? This is precisely what God has **“called”** you to do and has **“mandated”** as your life’s **mission**!

Exhortation: Whatever your hand finds, *‘Niki - Just Do It!’*

- A. Work **Dutifully**: Servants serve, to receive the “Well Done!” of their [true] Master (in *the name*).
- B. Work **Honestly**: whatever your job, it pays to always To do what is right. Don’t lose your character before God, to gain cash *doing eye-service as menpleasers*.
- C. Work **Reverently**: We may have to work for an unbelieving boss, yet be an efficient worker. Fear God and do your best *as unto the Lord, not men!*

II. YOUR SUCCESS: LIFE’S **PROFESSION** IS A DIVINE DEMONSTRATION

Your real **achievement** is your F.E.A.T. - being a **F**aithful, **E**nthusiastic, **A**vailable & **T**eachable worker! Your career is not ‘just a job!’, you’ll experience His **joy**.

Why you do what you do is more important to God than what you do! So, what motivates you to do your very best at work?

- A. Work **Truthfully**: Maintain Integrity - singleness of mind, sincerity of heart and satisfaction in being in God’s will. This is best discovered in knowing/obeying God’s Word!