

## Colossians 3:23

***And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.***

You may have read this verse before, and are familiar with it. But, think of this, what if you actually did this? I do, you may be thinking. When I sing during worship or in my car, I do it heartily unto the Lord. Or when I tithe, I do it heartily unto the Lord. Those are good things, but did you read the first part of this verse?

‡ ***And whatever you do***

Not just when you worship or when you tithe or even when you read your bible, but in whatever you do. What does that mean? It means just what it says, in ***whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.***

- ✓ When you are driving ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- ✓ When you go shopping ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- ✓ When you are at work doing your job ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- ✓ When you are at home watching TV ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- ✓ When you are talking to your family, friends, coworkers or even strangers ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***

How about these, because once again it says, ***And whatever you do***

- When you are watching a movie. But what if it's an "R" rated movie with sex, and profanity full of "F" bombs and using the Lord's name as a curse word, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- You are at the bar getting drunk, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- You are living with that guy or girl and you are not married, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- In your heart or mind you have evil, disgusting thoughts towards others, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***
- You are gossiping about someone, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord***

I think you are getting the idea, and I don't think you would do these things ***heartily, as to the Lord***. But, if you want to live out scripture, then do everything it says and don't change it around to fit your lifestyle, If you wouldn't ***do it heartily, as to the Lord*** then should you be doing it? If not, then may your lifestyle fit into God's word and may we no longer twist God's word to fit our sinful lifestyle.

‡ ***1 Peter 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he***

*no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.*