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AS UNTO THE LORD

One of my favorite scriptures is Colossians 3:23, ***“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”*** This is a great litmus test to see if we are walking right with God.

“Whatsoever” would mean whatever we do in actions, words, and deeds. We are to do it as if we are doing it for and to the Lord. When we talk to someone would we talk that way to Jesus? Would we cuss him out when we are angry? It matters not what the other person has done, we are to treat others like we would treat Jesus. You might say to me, “You don’t know what they have done.” Well, that is not an excuse according to this scripture.

Then the next part is heartily. This means doing it from our heart. From the very breath that we take. This means doing things in an excellent way with friends and family but also our enemies, with Jesus in mind. It means to put your all into it. It would not mean half baked! It means to go all the way with Jesus in mind as we do something.

We have been taught the golden rule, and I would say that Colossians 3:23 works that golden rule out. The golden rule is found in Matthew 7:12, ***“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”***

Both of these verses are examples of how we are to live as Christians. There is no loophole to get out of these commandments. We are to treat others like we would treat Jesus. When we have this attitude about others then we walk in the love that God wants us to walk in. Without this, we cannot expect to be treated with the love of God, because we reap what we so.

As unto the Lord is the litmus test. We often fail it, but we should strive to live our lives accordingly.