

**The Office Sermon Series:
Part #4 – Going Public
Matthew 25:1-13**

Series Summary

Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided as much as possible. But for all of us, only one perspective on work really matters: God's!

Series Passage

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

Big Question

What if you could be the same person at work as you are at church?

Sermon Summary: Christianity is not supposed to be personal and private; we are to be lights in the darkness. Our light shines best when our character is developed to reflect God. People will see that our faith is about a relationship, not a religion.

Big Idea – Share the Secret...Save a Soul

1 Peter 3:15-16 – But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Ephesians 5:14-17 – Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Three Steps in Going Public**Step #1 – In Your Hearts Set Apart Christ as Lord**

- **Key Point** – This main point brings to our attention that we have been called as Christians to set apart Christ as Lord of our lives. This is more than a mere verbal confession or mental ascent but a total surrender of the heart, mind, and soul. We draw the parallel to Matthew 25 and acknowledge the difference between the wise and foolish virgins and the results of living a life apart from Christ.

Step #2 – Be Prepared to Give an Answer for Your Faith

- **Key Point** – This main point draws the connection to Matthew 25 by looking at the prepared versus unprepared. The groom comes to His bride on a day and hour that

is unknown yet it will only catch the unprepared by surprise. We are reminded that we have been called to prepare our lives for more than this life.

Step #3 – Stand for Your Faith in Christ

- **Key Point** – This main point draws our attention to the results of living a life where we take a stand for Christ. It is one thing to profess Christ as Lord and Savior yet it is another to stand for your belief and give your life for your belief. We have been called to do more than profess a faith, we have been called to live a life of faithfulness to our Lord.

Questions to Consider

What are two ways that you can reach out this week to your co-workers or neighbors?

Memory Verse

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

Big Challenge

This work week find one way that you can share your faith in the workplace as well as the church. Examples: Pray for others, Encourage Others, Serve Others.

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