



## Advice for Graduates

### 1. **Work \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

**Colossians 3:22-4:1**--Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

**Proverbs 18:9**--One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

**Ecclesiastes 10:18**--If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.

» **Work** \_\_\_\_\_.

» **Work for** \_\_\_\_\_.

» **Work with** \_\_\_\_\_ **for** \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. **Tap into God's \_\_\_\_\_ daily.**

**Colossians 4:2-4**--Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful...

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**--Pray continually.

### 3. **Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

**Colossians 4:5,6**--Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Eliminate These Words	Say These Instead

### 4. **Stand \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 4:12**--Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

» **Stand** \_\_\_\_\_.

» **All the** \_\_\_\_\_ **of God.**

» \_\_\_\_\_.

» **Fully** \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5. **Fulfill your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 4:17**--...See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 1:9**--God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

**Acts 20:24**--However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

**Acts 13:36**--For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep...

**Hebrews 12:1-3**--Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**2 Timothy 4:7,8**--I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

## ..... **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Life purpose: Discuss what this means to you. What does God want us to accomplish in this life and how do we get it done?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. If you could live life over, what would you do differently and why? What can you do differently now?
4. Take time to read and discuss Psalm 1 and Psalm 23. Write down key life foundation principles that flow from these scriptures. How does God want us to flesh out these principles in our lives?
5. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.