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5-8 Servants, respectfully obey your earthly masters but always with an eye to obeying the *real* master, Christ. Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God. Good work will get you good pay from the Master, regardless of whether you are slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> Masters, it's the same with you. No abuse, please, and no threats. You and your servants are both under the same Master in heaven. He makes no distinction between you and them.

## Honouring Christ at Work – Lessons from the life of Daniel

Daniel 11:32b:

'those that *know* their God will stand firm and take action/do great things'

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#### Grass cutting, pet walking/sitting, car washing

I am an Egglescliffe school student raising funds to go to Mexico in 2019 to take part in "Rebuild Mexico," where together with the charities "Amor" and "Urban Saints," I will be helping to build a house for a homeless family. If you have any small jobs as above or similar in return for a donation towards the cost of my trip - please message/call me on:

Aidan-078-711-52789

Thank you!



I just got this through my door ... what use of his own little initiative like I'm not going to lie I was going to cut my grass but I may just help Aidan out how much should I donate? Help the little guy out people and give him a share of this status!





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- c) There is no spiritual/non-spiritual divide



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head vs. heart

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b) Find your satisfaction in God

- ➤ Significance
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- ➤ Acceptance

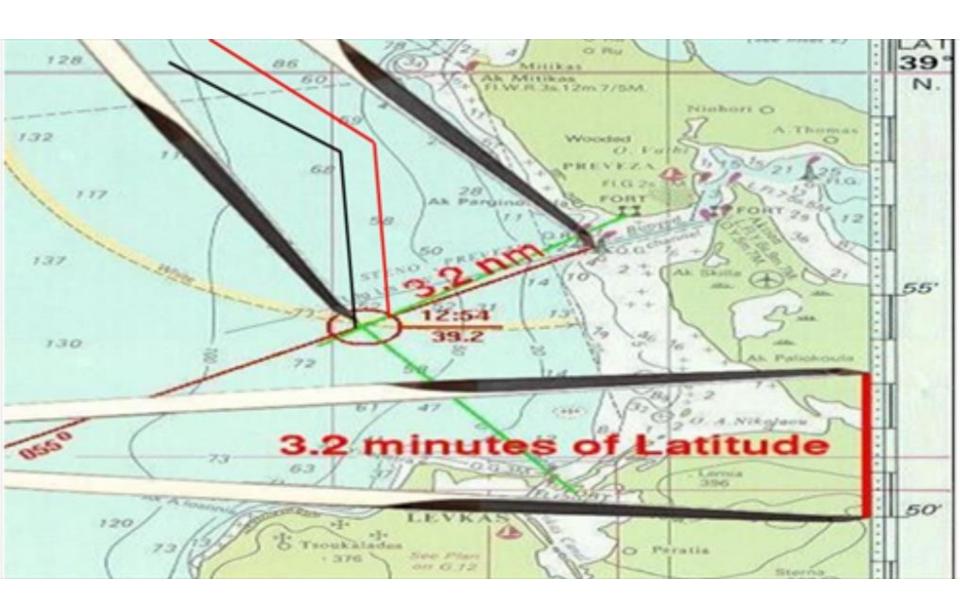
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The world offers us a number of false equations:

Performance + accomplishments = significance

Status + recognition = security

Appearance + admiration = acceptance



### 3. Take Action

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 b) The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me

### Conclusion

- Work is more than just simply the 9-5 grind that we endure until
  the weekend comes. Work is partnering with the Lord God
  Almighty, creator of the heavens and the earth. It is working with
  Him and others in building, developing and taking care of the
  world and the people He created for us to live in. Work is a gift
  from God
- At times we have believed the lie that our significance and security comes from work rather than from who we are in Christ and have ended up stressed and anxious. The truth is that we are free in Christ who has come to give us life to the full.
- Like Daniel and his friends, we too can rise up as a mighty army of God – a people who know their God, stand firm in life and do great things for Him.