

Ever feel torn between conflicting expectations? Kids, spouse and friends all have needs; extended family has expectations, we obviously need to keep our employer happy, the school and church want us to volunteer . . . and then there are things we want to do! Wouldn't it be nice to deal with just one 'boss'

St. Paul invites us to do that: "Whatever you do . . . do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). When we look at everything we do, everywhere we live, work and play, as serving Jesus, it doesn't solve every problem, but it influences everything. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He promises to provide what we need and he helps us through every challenge. His grace covers our failings. His preferences guide us when we have choices. As Os Guiness wrote in The Call, "I live before an Audience of One. Before others I have nothing to gain, nothing to lose, nothing to prove."

Serving Jesus in all we do is something we grow in, one day at a time. We learn it by getting to know Him, talking and listening to Him, and putting our time and tasks under His direction. What will your next step be? Perhaps it's one of these:

- Spend more time in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) to hear what Jesus said about our time and tasks, and how he ordered his own time and tasks.
- When you next do a household chore or a task at work or school, think: "Jesus, this is for you."
- Bring your time and task challenges to him. As you spend time with him in worship, prayer, and Bible reading, keep an open mind for what he might be saying in response.
- When it's not simple (and that is often!), talk with someone you trust who is further along the road in following Jesus.
- Check out the full "Let's Talk about Serving" series.

Let's talk about serving!

- What's your biggest challenge in everyday serving? Let us know <u>HERE</u>
- Do you have a story to share about serving—someone who inspires your serving; a time you saw God at work in your, or someone else's serving? Share it here. A story can be words, a photo or a video.

Your responses help our leaders get to know the church family they lead. We're here to help you serve Jesus everywhere you live, work and play. You can also share your serving preferences through My Impact, our serving app. Contact Serving@FullLifeinChrist.org to get your username and password, or with other questions or comments.