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"WE ARE GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS"

(1 Corinthians 3:5-11)

INTRODUCTION

"Workers / work" - you, me, individuals, laborers, a sustained effort, to function.

"Fellow workers" - we, together, to co-operate with, combined action, jointly, in concert.

"God's" - in accordance with God, by God's design and purpose, everyone doing His will.

1. OUR WORK IS IN THE KINGDOM (vineyard, church, body)

Jesus, in language of parables, taught the importance and location of our work:

(Matt. 9:36-38) "... but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"

(Matt. 20:1) "... went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard"

Message is captured in our hymns: We'll Work Till Jesus Comes, I Want To Be A Worker, To The Work, Work For The Night Is Coming

2. OUR WORK IS A CO-OPERATIVE WORK

(Philippians 1:27) "... in one spirit, with one mind **striving together** ... "

(Phil. 4:2-3) "... and the rest of **my fellow workers** ... "

(Psalm 133:1) "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to **dwelt together in unity**"

Other examples of co-operative work: team sports, our body, a car motor.

3. OUR WORK IS GOD'S WORK: "GOD'S FELLOW LABORERS"

In life, a person may say, "I'm self employed" or "I'm in business for myself"; however, in Christianity, we must say, "We are in business with God."

(1 Corinthians 3:5-6) "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.**"

It means, (Colossians 3:17) "**Whatever you do** in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through Him"

CLOSE - We are only required to use (work with) what we have: (1 Cor. 8:12).

You have to use it: (James 2:18) "... I will show you my faith by my works"

**May we all be workers in the vineyard for God.**