



Whatever


Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ~ Colossians 3:23-24

Discover the Context
Colossians 3:12-25

 Which is harder: doing what your boss asks you to do every time, or following what God ask you to do every time? What has been your most dreaded *other duties as assigned* phone call? What has been your most delightful?

 As you read Mark 10:35-45 identify these serving principles and reflect on what they mean for you at camp.

- There are often misplaced expectations in serving (v 38).
- There is suffering in serving (v 39).
- There is sovereignty in serving (v 40).
- There is humility in serving (vv 42-43).
- There is an example in serving (v 45).

 “True greatness, true leadership, is achieved not by reducing men to one’s service but in giving oneself in selfless service to them.”

~ J. Oswald Sanders
Spiritual Leadership

When I was hired to work in camp ministry, at the very bottom of my job description was the dreaded *other duties as assigned*. Our camp board had laid out a detailed explanation of the role, but as we all know, sometimes in ministry important tasks are going to pop up that need to be done. It’s impossible to think of them all and list them on paper.

Unexpected tasks always happen at the most inconvenient time. It usually happens the first week of camp at about 11:30 p.m. The phone rings. It’s a panicked voice, “The girls dorm is flooding!” “A tree fell on our cabin!” “The gate won’t lock.” And of course there’s always, “I just saw a bear in the dumpster.” You can call these the *other duties as assigned* phone calls.

Paul calls them, “Whatever.” And he says to do them enthusiastically as for the Lord.

These are the moments when you’ll need to gain strength from Jesus. He explained things to His disciples countless times. He gave up sleep and His own comfort to care for people. He didn’t always make someone else do the other duties; He was willing to be the servant of others. He was willing to do whatever it took to bring guilty sinners to God—even dying on a cross in our place.

It’s easy to look forward to reffing paintball, mowing on the new riding mower, or lifeguarding at the pool. But there will be many *other duties as assigned* that aren’t glamorous—cleaning toilets, scraping the sewage plant, cleaning out the trash cans, and scrubbing the showers. But someone has to do it. Are you willing to do whatever is asked of you this summer? Are you willing to give it your all? Enthusiastically?

For some people their job is the same each and every day. No surprises. Routine. In camp ministry rarely will there be two days that are alike. Whatever comes your way, give it your all because Jesus gave it all for you. [TLY]