

## Other Duties as Assigned

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, 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

 Which is harder, doing what your boss asks you to do every time, or following what God asks you to do every time? Share a couple of your camp “other duties as assigned” stories.

 Find a way to jump in and do something at camp that isn’t assigned. Or make a point to do something that someone else forgot to do. What can you do to cultivate an ethic that sees what needs to be done and does it? It can be as simple as picking up trash or wiping the counters in the bathroom.

 “This is one of the great secrets in connection with successful service for the Lord—work as if everything depended on your diligence, and trust in the blessing of the Lord to bring success.”

~ George Mueller  
(1805-1898)

When you were hired to work at camp, at the very bottom of your job description was probably a dreaded phrase: *Other duties as assigned*. Camp boards and directors have thought through the details of various roles, but sometimes in ministry, important tasks are going to pop up that are impossible to list on a piece of paper.

For me, the tasks that unexpectedly come up always seem to happen at the most inconvenient time. Like at 11:30 p.m. when I’m finally asleep and I get a panicked call: “The girls dorm is flooding!” “A tree fell on our house!” “The gate won’t lock!” “There’s a bear in the dumpster!” I’ve started calling these *other duties as assigned* phone calls.

These are the moments when I need to gain strength from Jesus, who was always so calm when others were panicked. Jesus was willing to do whatever it took to help someone follow God, no matter what was happening. He would explain things to his disciples countless times. He gave up sleep and his own comfort to care for people. He didn’t make someone else do the other duties; he led as a servant to show his disciples how to do it.

It’s easy to look forward to reffing paintball, mowing on the new riding mower, or life guarding at the pool. But there will be other duties assigned this week that aren’t as glamorous. Someone has to clean toilets, scrape out the sewage plant, scrub the trash cans, and clean showers. It isn’t fun, but someone has to do it. Are you willing to do whatever is asked of you? And are you willing to do it from the heart, as unto the Lord?

It can actually be a pleasant blessing that camp ministry is far from boring. There are rarely two days that are the same. Whatever surprises are in store for you, they can be received without worry, without complaint, and without hesitation. You serve the Lord Christ. (TLY)