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We can never say too much about the importance of a strong work ethic in the times we are living in currently. Many people excuse their lack of enthusiasm for their work on being on the wrong job. But if we are really honest, we will admit that the extent to which we like our job has little to do with how much we give to it.

On the other hand, when I find myself working a bit late in an attempt to finish tasks well, I fail to appreciate that the reason I feel pushed to the limit at the end of the day is because I have given it everything I had to give that day. If you are anything like me, you try to make sure that you do all that you could possibly do today, and in the best shape possible. Then I realized that this is actually how we are wired.

God didn't make any mediocre people. He didn't make some of us sloppy and others diligent. Otherwise, He wouldn't have declared "It is good" after He created man if some of the man was no good. Additionally, he wouldn't expect us to work at what we do with all we have if He made some of us incapable of doing so.

As God was commissioning Joshua to take over the leadership of the children of Israel after the death of Moses, He gave him two main instructions to undertake in leading the people to their inheritance. The first was to give it everything he had, while following the directions given to the letter. The second was to not let God's Word out of his mind. These two, God told him, were the recipes for his success.

"You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out the Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed." Joshua □ □ 1:5-8 MSG □ □ .

God instructed Joshua, "Give it everything you have, heart and soul." This is what God expects

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of us in our work, in every task we get our hands on. So let's not be bothered if we find that we spend a little bit more effort on our work to produce quality results and get it all done. We are not going beyond the call of duty. We are simply doing what is expected of us by God. We are giving it everything we have like we should.

God repeats this instruction for us in the twenty third verse of the third chapter of the book of Colossians where he says, "Whatever you do [whatever your task may be], work from the soul [that is, put in your very best effort], as [something done] for the Lord and not for men."

Colossians 3:23 AMP. In other words, whatever you are working on, give it everything you've got. As I write and edit my articles, I give it everything I've got for the Glory of God. As you work on your job or in your kitchen or laundry or backyard, give it everything you've got for the glory of God.

For His Glory,

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