

**The Personal Work of Being a Christian  
9-10-17 AM'**

I. The Time Investment of Christianity

A. What does it mean to be a Christian?

1. Praying?
2. Worshipping with Christians?
3. Reading the Bible?
4. Talking to others about Christ?

B. Consider it as Hours in a week:  $16 \times 7 = 112$

- With brethren = 8
- Praying = 7
- Evangelizing = 7
- In Scriptures = 11
- Total = 33/112

C. Total percentage = 29%

1. Problem: Can you be a Christian if you are only at 29%

II. Christianity is not a PART of your life

A. Christianity is the entirety of your life: Colossians 3:3, Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:15

B. Christianity is a WAY of Life: Acts 24:14

C. Most of your time is invested in other ways

1. Hours in a week:  $16 \times 7 = 112$ 
  - Working = 45
  - Family = 35
  - Leisure = 10
  - Total = 90/112

D. POINT: Most of being a Christian is within these things:

1. Work
2. Home & Family
3. Leisure

|                           | <b>Husband/Wife</b>              |                        | <b>Parent/Child</b>              |                   | <b>Employer/<br/>Employee</b> |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Ephesians<br/>5-6</b>  | Love                             | Submit                 | Do not<br>provoke,<br>discipline | Obey and<br>honor | Do good<br>from the<br>heart  | Obey from<br>the heart           |
| <b>Colossians<br/>3-4</b> | Love                             | Submit                 | Do not<br>provoke                | Obey              | Be fair and<br>just           | Obey from<br>the heart           |
| <b>1 Peter<br/>2-3</b>    | Dwell in an<br>understand<br>way | Submissive<br>behavior |                                  |                   |                               | Submit to<br>all with<br>respect |

III. All six relationships:

- A. Sometimes without choice
- B. All have a submissive component
- C. All have a love component
- D. All look to Christ as worthy
- E. All are matters of eternal judgment
- F. All are means of our light shining