

You have seen it, and you have probably done a time or two in your life. You show up for work and punch-in and when the day is over you punch-out. You have an hourly job that puts you "on the clock" and you punch-in and punch-out daily.

While you are punched-in you must work as the boss directs. You will behave and do what is expected of you. There is no thought of cheating or being lazy. You have punched-in and you are doing what you are supposed to be doing. But once you have punched-out it is a different story. Now your time belongs to you, not the boss. You can go and do as you please. You have put in your hours on the job, and now it is your time to be in charge.

There is really nothing wrong with the scenario I have described above. But a lifestyle that is developed in the world sometimes is carried over into the church. Unfortunately, we may have become punch-clock Christians and practice punch-clock Christianity.

By that I mean, we think that when we come to the Sunday assembly to worship we have punched-in and will give God the next hour of our time. But when the services are over, we punch-out and the rest of the week is ours to do as we please. Wrong!

Jesus said that we must follow Him daily (Lk. 9:23), and that means every day. There is no punching-in and punching-out when it comes to living the Christian life. You punched-in when you became a Christian, and won't punch-out until you take your final breath!

Give God your best, every hour of every day, because until the Lord comes again--you're "on the clock!"

See you Sunday!

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