

Good Works

TEXT: Titus 2:14

INTRODUCTION:

- A. ONE PURPOSE OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IS TO STIR UP TO GOOD WORKS(**Heb. 10:24-25**).
- C. GOOD WORKS THEN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SERVING GOD.
- D. WHAT GOOD WORKS AND WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE.

I. CHRISTIANS ARE TO DO "GOOD WORKS."

- A. FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE SAVED US(**Matt. 7:21; Gal. 5:6**).
- B. HOW DOES FAITH WORK?(**James 2:14, 21-24**).
- C. DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND THE "PURPOSE" OF GOOD WORKS.
 - 1. **They are not done to "buy" or "earn" our way into heaven.**
 - 2. Though **works are necessary**, God saves by grace, not by works (**Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7**).
 - 3. We are created in Jesus for good works!(**Eph. 2:10; Ti 2:11-14; 3:1, 8, 14**).
- D. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF GOOD WORKS?
 - 1. They bring glory to God!(**Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12**).
 - 2. They prepare unbelievers to be receptive to the gospel(**1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1-2**).
 - 3. They demonstrate the living nature of our faith(**James 2:14-17**).
 - 4. They are necessary if we are to be like Jesus(**Acts 10:38**).

II. WHAT "GOOD WORKS" CAN WE DO?

- A. SOME GOOD WORKS ARE "SPIRITUAL" IN NATURE.
 - 1. Telling others of God's grace(**1 Pet. 2:9**).
 - a. We may not all be "teachers" in a formal sense(**1 Cor. 12:27-31**).
 - b. But all of us can do something!
 - 2. Encouraging other Christians(**Heb. 3:12-13; Phile 7; 1 Cor. 16:15-18**).
 - 3. Restoring weak brethren(**Gal. 6:1-2**).
- B. OTHER GOOD WORKS ARE MORE "PHYSICAL" IN NATURE.
 - 1. Jesus did not limit His good works to things spiritual(**Luke 7:22**).
 - 2. Nor did He expect His disciples to limit themselves(**Mat. 10:7-8; 25:34-40**).
 - 3. Different ones have different talents(**Rom. 12:3-8**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. GOOD WORKS ARE A PART OF PURE RELIGION(**James 1:27**).
- B. A KEY TO SPIRITUAL BLESSEDNESS (**James 1:25; Acts 20:35**)
- C. "BE CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS"(**Titus 3:8**).