

## **WORKING WHILE WALKING** **(Hebrews 6:7-10)**

**Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7** Let's not be confused before we even start on this lesson. We do not consider doing good works to earn or to buy our way into God's good graces. He saves us by His grace and unconditional love through the faith He alone supplies to us, it is all done by God and God alone.

**Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-15** The fact of a free salvation doesn't negate the fact that God expects something in return for His wonderful gifts toward us. He demands thankfulness, works, and worship.

### **Why Good Works**

**Matthew 5:16; I Peter 2:11-12** We are God's people and by representing Him our lifestyle (works) show the people around us who and what our priorities are and those works should honor the Lord.

**I Peter 3:1-2** The way we conduct our everyday life and how we serve God through our personal habits and lifestyle serve as picture that is being watched by lost people who need to see Christ in us.

**Galatians 6:10; James 2:14-17** When we are able to do good spiritual works for God it demonstrates the living nature of our faith in God.

**Luke 6:46; Acts 10:38** Throughout His life on earth Jesus gave us example after example on how He wanted His people to live and work for others. When we follow these examples we are being like Him.

### **What Good Works Can We Do**

**Acts 1:8; I Peter 2:9-10** We are not all teachers or preachers but can share the love, grace and forgiveness that God offers all people who will trust in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**I Corinthians 16:15-16; Philemon 4-7** Two great examples of great spiritual workers are Philemon and Stephanus. They not only are recognized for their service but show how much need there is in the work of the church. Paul gives several examples of people he had that made his ministry possible.

**Galatians 6:1-2** Every believer needs to be encouraged from time to time. Proverbs tells us that even a kind word given at the right time can be refreshing. Being a helper to others is becoming a servant.

**II Timothy 4:11; James 5:19-20** We can all be a Barnabas to someone like John Mark. How many believers have been hurt and wounded and become churchless without anyone helping them to recover.

**Matthew 25:34-40** These verses indicate how serious Jesus considers believers doing good for others. The context is the end of Tribulation but the application is for people now who read the bible.

**Romans 12:3-8; Titus 3: 8, 14** Just like Paul taught in his Corinthian letters everyone is gifted in some capacity to help serve in the local body, some teach, some preach, some give, some witness, others clean, some visit, others maintain equipment and buildings, some encourage, some pray, etc. God expects every 'family' member to be "fruitful."

**Acts 9:36-40** Women have an uncanny way of showing mercy and kindness in several different ways that men have a more difficult time with. Ladies why not become a "Dorcas" with our church body.

### **Rewards For Good Works**

**II Corinthians 5:10** Here and in other scriptures we are assured that believers will be judged, not for sin but judged for those "things" that were done by us while Christians on earth.

**Matthew 10:41-42** Jesus Himself made it clear that everyone of His family will be rewarded for good deeds done in His name.

**Matthew 16:27** It is pretty clear that there will be degrees of reward just like there will be degrees of punishment. We as believers will be judged "according to our deeds."