

Training in Righteousness,
Unto Good Works Part 4

The Flow of Good Works

Overview: 2 Tim 3:16-17 says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” We have been created in Christ Jesus for good works. These good works have been foreordained for us to fulfill them. God has given to us, put in us, everything we need to grow into, and complete each one of those good works and therefore, fulfill our destiny. Good Works are not just what you do, but come from who we are.

A. Understanding Good Works.

1. Definition:

- a. Good: G18 – agathos - A primary word; “good” (in any sense, often as noun): - benefit, good (-s, things), well. Compare [G2570](#) kalos - Of uncertain affinity; properly *beautiful*, but chiefly (figuratively) *good* (literally or morally), that is, *valuable* or *virtuous* (**for appearance or use, and thus distinguished from [G18](#), which is properly intrinsic**).
- b. Works: G2041 – ergon – from ergo (a primary but obsolete word; to work) *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*: - deed, doing, labour, work. (potential vs kinetic)
- c. **Good Works** – a good and valuable act, or deed done to serve God and others from an innate goodness that stems from who we are in Christ.

2. Biblical synonyms: Good fruit, bearing fruit, occupy, servant of all,

3. These Good Works do not come from:

- an effort to please God,
- to appease a guilty conscience or
- for the approval of men.

4. Conscience purged of dead works (G2041) to serve the living God.

Heb 9:14

B. Types of Good Works – Destiny

1. Works for all Christians:

- a. Ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18
- b. Giving. 2 Cor 9:6-8
- c. Prayer. Eph 6:18
- d. Visit the fatherless, widows, sick, prisoners. Jam 1:27, Matt 25:36
- e. Forgive. Eph 4:32
- f. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked. Matt 25:35-36; Jam 2: 15-16
- g. Serve others. Mar 10:44
- h. Love one another. 1 Pet 4:8
- i. Etc..... (be a doer of the Word)

2. Church – corporate good works – together, or for the ministry.

- a. Together: Ministry to widows (1 Tim 5:9,16; Acts 6:1), Supporting the ministry (Gal 6:6) Helping those in need (2 Cor 9:1).
- b. For the ministry of the church (Rom 12:5-18), Five-fold ministry (Eph 4:11-16)

3. Specific works of your destiny. Within the context of your Good Works as a Christian and as a member of the body of Christ what has God called you to do?

C. The Flow of Good Works.

1. Origination:

- a. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph 2:10
- b. Abide in the vine (a vital connection to Jesus) to bring forth good fruit. John 15:4-5
- c. Good fruit from a good tree (Matt 7:17). Make the tree good, gives good fruit. Matt 12:33
- d. The Word training us so we are perfect and thoroughly furnished. 2 Tim 3:16-17
- e. Focus is on others. Phil 2:3-5

2. The Outworking:

- a. Walk in greater works because of the Holy Spirit. John 12:10-12
- b. Walking worthy of the Lord being fruitful in every good work. Col 1:9-10
- c. Becoming a living sacrifice. Rom 12:1
- d. Now being free from sin and become servants to God, fruit unto holiness. Rom 6:22
- e. Faith shown by actions and service to God shown in good works. Matt 5:14-16
- f. Be a peculiar people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:14
- g. Jesus to the 7 churches, "I know your works." Rev 2-3

3. The Attitude:

- a. Die to self, take up the cross and follow Jesus. Matt 16:24
- b. Be a servant of all. Mark 10:44-45

4. The Results:

- a. Those who see your works will glorify God. Matt 5:14-16; 1 Pet 2:12
- b. Rewards. 1 Cor 3:11-14
- c. Ruler over much and the joy of the Lord. Matt 25:21
- d. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you, the kingdom of heaven. Matt 25:34
- e. At the Great White Throne Judgment – criteria: their works. Rev 20:12