

## BASIC CHRISTIANITY – Work of the Church – Lesson 7

### GOOD WORKS

1. The members of the church are God's SPECIAL people, and are to be zealous (enthusiastic) for GOOD WORKS. (Titus 2:14)

(Jesus Christ) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (Titus 2:13–14)

2. Through study and knowledge of the scriptures, Christians can be thoroughly equipped for every GOOD WORK. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

(16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. (Titus 3:14)

3. Members of the church must learn to recognize and take advantage of every OPPORTUNITY to do good for all people. (Galatians 6:10)

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)

### MISSION OF THE CHURCH

4. The church is to go out and make DICIPLES in all nations. (Matthew 28:19-20)

(19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19–20)

- a. New disciples are to be BAPTIZED in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- b. The church is to teach new converts to OBSERVE all the commandments of Christ.

5. The church must PREACH the WORD! (2 Timothy 4:2)

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)

6. TRUE or FALSE: Preaching from the pulpit fulfills the churches' obligation to spread the gospel.
  - a. Christians who were scattered due to persecution went EVERYWHERE preaching the word. (Acts 8:4)

Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. (Acts 8:4)

- b. In Matthew 10:16, what wise advice does Jesus give those who go out in society to teach the message of Christ? Be WISE as serpents and HARMLESS as doves.

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. (Matthew 10:16)

7. In your opinion, what is the most successful form of evangelism? FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM
8. According to James 1:27, another mission of the church is to support those who are in NEED.

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (James 1:27)

See Matthew 25:34ff; James 2:15-17

9. Is sending financial support to other congregations a scriptural practice? YES  
(Acts 11:29-30; Romans 15:26)

(29) Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. (30) This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. (Acts 11:29–30)

(26) For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. (Romans 15:26)

10. What happens to the church when each member fulfills their part of the church's mission?  
(Ephesians 4:15-16) GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

(15) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—(16) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:15–16)

## THE CHURCH'S EXAMPLE

11. We are to always be aware that we represent Christ and His church. Therefore we should walk properly (be good examples) to those OUTSIDE the body of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

(11) that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, (12) that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing. (1 Thessalonians 4:11–12)

12. When we are proper examples, those outside the church will have nothing EVIL to say about us.  
(Titus 2:6-8)

(6) Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, (7) in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, (8) sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. (Titus 2:6–8)

#### MY WEEKLY CHALLENGE: NEW DISCOVERIES THROUGH DAILY BIBLE READING

13. I am committed to read the bible every day: (Check the box each day)

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

#### JEWELS FROM JAMES:

14. We must use caution when becoming bible teachers because those who do will receive a stricter JUDGMENT. (3:1)

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. (James 3:1)

15. The spiritually mature person will not STUMBLE in word. (3:2)

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2)

16. Using unwholesome words can DEFILE the whole body. (3:6)

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)

17. Dangers of the tongue: (3:9-12)

- a. With our speech, we BLESS God and CURSE men.
- b. Out of the same mouth comes BLESSINGS and CURSINGS.
- c. Can a spring bring both FRESH and BITTER water?
- d. Christians, these things ought not to be so!

(9) With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. (10) Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. (11) Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? (12) Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh. (James 3:9–12)

18. List two types of wisdom: (3:15-18) EARTHLY and GODLY.

(15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,

then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

(18) Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (James 3:15–18)

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**