

INTRODUCTION: THREE CENTRAL PASSAGES

A. DO GOOD TO BAD DOERS (*Luke 6:27-36; esp.27,33,35*)

B. WHAT YOU ARE SAVED FOR (*Ephesians 2:1-10; esp. 10; see Tt.2:14*)

C. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PASTORAL MINISTRY (*Eph.4:1f; see 1Tm.2:10; 5:10,25; 6:18; 2Tm.2:21; 3:17; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14*)

D. SUMMARY: SPECIAL GRACE FOR GENERAL GOOD! (*see Gal.6:10; Lk.6:35; Mt.5:16; 1Pt.2:12*)

I. THE NATURE OF GOOD WORKS

A. GOOD

1. defined by *God* (*Micah 6:8; Rom.12:2(7:12,16); Col.1:10; 1Tm.2:3; 5:10; Tt.2:14; 3:1*)
2. objective, concrete, useful; *material* (“*goods & services*”; *see 2Tm.2:21; Tt.3:14; Mt.25:35f; Lk.6:27f*)
3. subjective, intangible, beautiful; *personal* (“*a beautiful work of art*”; *Mt.5:16; 26:10; see Lk.21:5; Jms.2:7*)
4. summary: an *integrated whole* (*1Tm.5:10; 6:18; see Tt.3:8 w/Mt.26:10; see Gen.3:6; 1:31*)

B. WORKS

1. particular *deeds* of expended *energy* (*Lk.6:35; Gal.6:10; see 1Tm.5:10*)
2. sustained in an enduring *manner* of life (*Eph.2:10; Col.1:10; Jms.3:13; 1Pt.2:12; see 2Th.3:13*)
3. good words *are* good works (*Mic.2:7; 2Th.2:17; see Rom.10:17; Prov.25:11; 1Th.4:18; 1Tm.4:11f*)

C. SUMMARY: GOOD WORKS

1. a work *of God* (*Heb.13:21; Eph.2:10; Phil.1:6*)
2. out of a new *nature* (*Eph.2:1f,10; see Ps.14:1; Jer.4:22; 13:23; Ps.37:3,27; Tt.3:8,14*)
3. in *battle* with the flesh (*Rom.7:21*)
4. *evidence* of salvation/damnation (*Mt.7:17f; 2Cor.5:10; Col.1:10; Tt.1:16*)
5. the *fruit* of love to God and man (*Mt.22:37,39; see Lk.6:27,35; Heb.10:24*)
6. seen to *God's* glory (*Mt.5:16/6:1f; Jn.10:32; 1Tm.5:25; Tt.2:7; Jms.3:13*)
7. *defense* against slander and blasphemy (*Tt.2:7,8; 1Pt.2:12; see Mt.5:16*)
8. a *learned* behavior (*Is.1:17; 2Tim.3:16,17*)
9. of the *essence* of wisdom (*Eccl.3:12; Jms.3:13; 1:27*)
10. commandment *with a promise* (*Prov.19:17; Mt.25:19f,34; Lk.6:35,37; Jn.5:29; 2Cor.5:10*)
11. *abundant* in desire, degree and domain (*Tt.2:14; 3:8; Heb.10:24 /Lk.6:35,38; 1Tm.6:18 /Gal.6:10; Lk.6:27f; every-any, 2Cor.9:8; Tt.1:16; 2:14; 3:1*)
12. from stated *duties* to pressing *needs* to social *justice* (*1Tm.5:10; Tt.3:1; /Tt.3:14(Mt.25:35f); /Is.1:17; Mic.6:8; fully equipped & supplied; Eph.2:10; 2Cor.9:8; see Ministries of Mercy, Keller; WORLD mag.*)
13. general and special *opportunities* (*Mk.14:7; e.g., poor(Tt.3:14)/children, sick, aged; see Gal.6:10*)
14. a *special day* for good works (*Lk.6:9; see 27f*)

II. THE NECESSITY OF GOOD WORKS

A. SAVED FOR GOOD WORKS (*Eph.2:10; Ex.20:1f; see Lk.6:43; Jn.15:1f; Jms.3:17*)

B. JUSTIFIED TO DO JUSTICE (*Mic.6:8; Is.1:17; (Ps.82:3; Jer.22:3; Amos 5:24; Jms.1:27); see Tt.3:7,8*)

C. ADOPTED TO IMITATE (*Lk.6:35; Col.1:10*)

D. SANCTIFIED TO CLEANSE (*2Tm.2:21f*)

III. FULFILL YOUR DESTINY! (*Eph.2:10*)