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## 16.1 Good Works

Good works are only those works that God has commanded in his holy Word.<sup>1</sup>

Works that do not have this warrant are invented by people out of blind zeal or on a pretense of good intentions and are not truly good.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Micah 6:8; Hebrews 13:21. <sup>2</sup>Matthew 15:9; Isaiah 29:13.

## 16.2 Good Works

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith.<sup>3</sup>

Through good works believers express their thankfulness,<sup>4</sup>

strengthen their assurance,<sup>5</sup>

build up their brothers and sisters, adorn the profession of the gospel,<sup>6</sup>

stop the mouths of opponents, and glorify God.<sup>7</sup>

Believers are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,<sup>8</sup>

so that they bear fruit leading to holiness and have the outcome, eternal life.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>3</sup>James 2:18, 22.
<sup>4</sup>Psalms 116:12, 13.
<sup>5</sup>1 John 2:3, 5; 2 Peter 1:5-11.
<sup>6</sup>Matthew 5:16.
<sup>7</sup>1 Timothy 6:1; 1 Peter 2:15; Philippians 1:11.
<sup>8</sup>Ephesians 2:10.
<sup>9</sup>Romans 6:22.

## **Scripture Proofs**

<sup>1</sup>**Micah 6:8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hebrews 13:21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

Isaiah 29:13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men

<sup>3</sup>James 2:18, 22 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

<sup>4</sup>**Psalms 116:12, 13** What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

<sup>5</sup>**1 John 2:3, 5** And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him

**2 Peter 1:5-11** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>7</sup>**1 Timothy 6:1** Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.

**1 Peter 2:15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**Philippians 1:11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>8</sup>Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**<sup>9</sup>Romans 6:22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.