

The Matter of Faith

Study 4

Faith, Free to be Commanded

*Obedience often a virtue too much
celebrated or a burden too much dreaded*

**He is not righteous who works much, but
he who without works believes much in
Christ.**

**Those works are truly good that are
done spontaneously and joyously out of
faith, hope and love.**

Luther

“Serve the Lord with gladness” is not just a
good way but the only way to serve God

The aim of our charge is love that issues
from a pure heart and a good conscience
and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5

"Now, Israel, what does the LORD your
God require from you, but to fear the
LORD your God, to walk in all His ways
and love Him, and to serve the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all your
soul, and to keep the LORD'S
commandments and His statutes which I
am commanding you today **for your good?**

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

How blessed to walk in the law of the Lord

Your statutes are my songs

You are good and do good; Teach me Your
statutes.

Those who love Your law have great peace

Though I have become like a wineskin in the
smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

"My food is to do the will of him who sent
me and to accomplish his work.