

DO NOT BE WEARY IN DOING GOOD

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What is your concept about work? You may say, “to work means to do our jobs and by doing our jobs we are entitled to receive our salaries.” We work certain hours per day, certain days per month, and we are entitled to do certain duties and certain responsibilities. In reward to doing our jobs we receive our salaries on daily, weekly or monthly basis. Not only salaries and financial benefits in return but also other privileges like holidays, annual vacations, housing or accommodation, transport, and many more.

The above is the understanding of many people toward work. But the Bible tells us more truth about work and being a worker.

1- Work is for the Lord: To work in the Bible is not doing things for men and receiving wages in return. Work of any kind is directed and dedicated to God. Although as an outcome of any type of work people receive benefits from employers or companies, primarily any work should be offered to God. ***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” (Colossians 3:23)*** The Bible also declares, ***“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)***

2- Good worker is from the Lord: No one can do good work by himself or apart from God. We can only do a real good work after believing in Jesus Christ and taking Him as our personal Lord and Saviour. Because the Lord Himself will show us how to do the good work that He wants us to do. ***“For we are God’s fellow-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:9)*** We are created in Christ Jesus for the purpose to do good work for God. The Lord Jesus came down from heaven to restore people to God’s ownership. Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and death, and He rose up from the dead on the third day to give us eternal life. ***“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*** Salvation is not by human work. It is received by grace through believing and trusting in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. We see many people trying to do good work yet they are not believers or disciples of the Lord Jesus. They do good work trying to gain salvation; managing charitable institution, giving to the poor or any kind of generosity. But in one occasion in the Bible, a crowd of people asked Jesus, ***“What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one HE has sent’.*** (John 6:28-29) God sent His Son Jesus into the world to give us new life. After we believe in Jesus and decide to follow Him, He starts to renew our mind to do good and fruitful works approved by God, according to his will, and work that is pleasing to Him.

3- Good work is unlimited: It is not restricted only for our jobs. Many hours of our life we take care of our family and home; helping our partner to nurture the children;

helping our friends and those who are in need; visiting the sick and those in prison; feeding the hungry; providing shelter for those who are strangers or directing them to their destination. These are good works that we don’t receive salaries or commendation instead we are to give- to pay from our pockets, spend time, effort to give encouragement to them. Having faith in Christ Jesus that we do things for His glory and for others to experience God’s love, these are the unending good work that we can do whenever or wherever we are. ***“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13)*** Likewise, the Lord has commanded us to tell others about Him, about His death on the cross and His resurrection from the death, and to teach them every thing He commanded us to do. People away from Jesus live in darkness and are destined to die. ***“My brothers, if one of you should wonder from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20)*** The unlimited good work is to tell others in word or in deed about the good work of Jesus on the cross that gives salvation to mankind. And the worker’s reward is this: ***“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.” (Matthew 24:45-47)***

4- Worker’s reward is from the Lord: To be with the Lord Jesus is already a great reward. Yet, it is the Lord who is going to reward his workers. Many times we are facing injustices from our earthly masters. We are not paid our salaries, and our privileges are not compensated. But still we have to continue to work because our reward will finally come, not from men but from God. ***“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favouritism.” (Colossians 3:22-25)*** ***“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10)*** The rewards may be received while we are on earth or in heaven when the Lord Jesus will come and take us with Him. But certainly, the Lord will return to us all and more than what others have taken from us.

My dear and beloved: The word of God clearly declares, “It is the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we are working and to whom we are accountable and from whom we suppose to receive our rewards.” Therefore, ***“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”***

“Father in heaven, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I thank You for your encouraging words. I love You, Lord, and I praise You for who You are to me. Today I come to know to whom I am working –not for man, not for my own, but for You alone. Help me, Lord, to focus on You for You are the giver of my life and the One whom I should serve, and my reward is from You. Thank You, Father, for You are faithful and just. I give You praise, honour and glory in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.” Amen.