

## Additional Principles that Relate to Good Works

(Galatians 6:9-10)

### Introduction:

1. This morning we studied the instructions given in Galatians 6:9-10.
2. This evening we are considering some "additional principles that relate to good works."

### Discussion:

#### I. THE PROPER MOTIVES FOR DOING GOOD WORKS

- A. (James 2:14-17) Having active faith will lead us to do good works.
- B. (1 John 3:16-19) Having the love of God in our hearts will lead us to do good works.
- C. (Luke 10:25-37) Loving our neighbors as ourselves will lead us to do good works.
- D. Improper motives include self-glorification and manipulation.
- E. Proper motives include having active faith, having the love of God in our hearts, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

#### II. THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE ARE TO DO GOOD WORKS

- A. (Galatians 6:10) We are to do good *"unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*
- B. Doing good works for fellow Christians is a blessing.
- C. However, Jesus taught His followers to include "enemies" (Matthew 5:43-45).
- D. This is discussed further in Romans 12:19-21.

#### III. GOD REMEMBERS THE GOOD WORKS THAT WE DO

- A. This principle is revealed in Hebrews 6:10.
- B. In Matthew 25, Jesus showed how good works will matter at the judgment.
  1. (vs.31-33) At the judgment, everyone will be separated into 2 groups -- one group will be on the Lord's right hand and the other on His left hand.
  2. (vs.34-40) Jesus showed why those on His right hand will be blessed.
  3. (vs.41-46) He showed why those on His left hand will be punished.

### Conclusion:

1. Let us adopt the prayer of the wise man who said: "Lord, help me to do as much good as I can, for as many people as I can, for as long as I can."
2. This week,:
  - a. let us not become weary in doing good
  - b. let us remember that we will reap a reward at the harvest if we do not faint
  - c. let us take advantage of the opportunities presented to us to do good.