

How and Why We Are to Do Good

(Galatians 6:9-10)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied the instructions given in Galatians 6:9-10.
2. This evening we are examining passages that explain "how and why we are to do good."

Discussion:

I. HOW WE ARE TO DO GOOD

A. We are to do good with proper motives.

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

B. We are to do good to the extent that the Lord desires.

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

II. WHY WE ARE TO DO GOOD

A. God remembers the good that we do (Hebrews 6:10).

B. Our good works will influence others (Matthew 5:14-16).

C. In Matthew 25, Jesus showed how doing good 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.