

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Is It Ever Enough

## 2 Corinthians 9:8

Do we sometimes feel guilty that we are not doing enough for God? We live in a world that our success is based upon our works and how that those works appear unto others, and often time these characteristics will carry over into our spiritual life in Christ. Now, even though our relationship with God provides a desire within us to serve him through obedience to his word, our service to God should be one that our joy might be full, that we might find rest unto our souls, and that we might have the peace of God which passeth all understanding. God would rather that we would walk with him than to do extravagant works for him that have no meaning. Our life in Christ should not be a life full of stress. Often time we focus on the activities that we do, while God focuses upon the relationship that we have with him. Prayer, study, meditation in his word, all of these things help us to mature in our relationship with God, but we must remember that we do not do these things to earn Gods favour, knowing that it will not gain us godly satisfaction, but it gives unto us a feeling of spiritual exhaustion. So, we ask ourselves, do we know if what we are doing for the Lord is ever enough, and is what we are doing the right thing to do.

**Proverbs 21: 2 – 3,....**every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord pondereth the hearts....to do justice and judgement is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice....

God knows even the smallest of our thoughts, and often time we may think that our behavior is fine, but no matter how good a person may think that he is, the Lord looks upon the heart and sees what we cannot see, or what we do not want to see. We cannot assume that we are righteous just because we perform religious acts, for all people have a level of sin within their being, none is righteous, no, not one....

**Romans 3: 10,....**there is none righteous, no, not one....

All of humanity, believers, and non-believers alike, at some point and time in their life, want to think of themselves of being worthy in the sight of God, and most consider themselves as being deserving of going to heaven. Let us remember that no matter whether we blame our sinfulness on the old nature, which we inherited from Adam, or we blame it on temptation that brings deception, we are not sinners because we sin, for Christ has paid our sin debt, we are sinners because we have not yet believed, for as believers we are no longer sinners but children of God, but let us never forget that our faith and trust in Christ, even though it has brought us into the family of God through salvation, it has not earned us a life of unlimited righteousness where we will never sin, for we all sin and come short of the glory of God.

**2 Corinthians 9:8,....**and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work....

The only way that what we do for God could ever be enough is if we commit wholly and completely unto him, allowing him to perfect the sufficiency of our works so that our service unto him might be truthful, willing, and sincere. So why are we often time hesitant to allow God to perfect his work in our life? It is because often time we struggle in our choices when it comes to situations and circumstances that are going on in our life. We think that we must hold on to those things of worldly desire that we have instead of turning them over to God. We must realize when we ask ourselves the question whether or not that what we are doing for God is ever enough, we must take ourselves out of the equation, because what we are doing for God is never about ourselves, but it is all about his glory, and the glory of the Lord is all about the perfecting of his work in the body of Christ for the ministry of the gospel to those who have not yet believed.

**Colossians 3: 23 – 24,....**whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men, knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ....

Let us keep this one thing in mind, whatever we do, whether in the world or with the body of Christ, we should do it as if it were Christ himself, and we are serving him personally, for all that we do is in service unto him, remembering that our ultimate reward of eternal life is with God and not with man. We do not work for men or for earthly goals, but we work to glorify our Father which is in heaven, and even though we do not work for men, mankind is always watching our lives to see how we conduct ourselves in serving the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 4: 5,....**for we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake....

The entirety of our focus should be on the spiritual maturity of the church, and pointing others toward Christ, and showing them the need for salvation. Everything that originates in our life should come from God, which comes unto us from the absolute word of God. This treasure that we receive through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit encourages us to let the light of our salvation shine forth unto the world. It is our service unto God and not the greatness of ourselves that is Christ purpose and plan for our life. We can only lead others by humbly serving, which means sacrificing our own privileges for the spiritual well-being of others.

**1 Corinthians 15: 58,....**therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord....

In order to know if our work in the Lord is ever enough, we must be steadfast, and being steadfast means becoming faithful to the commandments and promises of his word.

**Isaiah 63: 7,....**I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us....

Secondly, we must be immovable, which means that we do not compromise in our behavior or in our beliefs, which are in the truth of God's word.

**Daniel 3: 16 – 18,....**answered and said....we are not careful to answer thee in this manner....if it be so, our God....is able to deliver us....we will not serve thy Gods....

And lastly, we must always abound in the work of the Lord, which means that each believer serves God by serving each other. As believers, we will never run out of things to do for the Lord, so what we do can never be enough. The work that we do for the Lord is guaranteed to continue throughout eternity, and his work should bring into our life, joy, happiness, and peace of mind.

**John 15: 11,....**these things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full....

Is it ever enough? The answer is sometimes yes, and sometimes no, but only God can tell us when that is.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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