

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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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.

Worthy In Gods Eyes

2 Corinthians 9:8

Do we sometimes feel 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 our 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, so that we might have a 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, and worry, and worldly fear. Many times, in our life 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, only 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, are our good works worthy in the eyes of God.

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....

So, here is one thing that we know to be true, which is all of humanity, believers, and non-believers alike, at some point and time in life, want to think of themselves of being worthy in the sight of God, and most people consider themselves as being deserving of going to heaven. Now, 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 into our life, we do not sin because we are sinners, for Christ has paid our sin debt, we sin because we are disobedient to Gods word, for as believers, we are no longer labeled sinners, but we are children of God, so 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....

Now, the only way that the things which 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 the situations and circumstances that are going on in our life. We think that we must hold on to the things of world that we desire instead of turning them over to God. We must realize, that when we ask ourselves whether or not 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 within the body of Christ, and for spreading the gospel of his saving grace unto 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....

So, let us keep this one thing in mind, whatever we do, whether in the world or within the body of Christ, we should do it as if it were Christ himself, for we are serving him personally, and 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 when 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 body of Christ, and pointing others toward him, showing them the need for salvation. Everything that originates in our life must come from God, who gives unto us liberally through his word. This hidden 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. For it is our service unto God, and not the greatness of ourselves which is Christ purpose and plan in our life. We can only lead by humbly serving, which means sacrificing our own privileges for the spiritual well-being of others.

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 3,....though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal....and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I have nothing....and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing....

In order to know if our work in the Lord is ever enough, we must come to understand that without Gods love even the most impressive acts of good works are worthless. Gods love is the foundation for everything else, for it gives purpose and value to our life in Christ, regardless of our outward achievements. Any service of works without Gods love profits us nothing, for without it as our driving force, even selfless acts are ineffective, because it is not the act itself that holds value, but it is the divine love of God, for his love has eternal value. It was his love that we see in his gift of his Son to the world, a sacrifice for all of mankind, that through his fulfilling love within us we might be saved from an eternal death. With this, and by the works of the indwelling Holy Spirit we have the ability to show Gods love unto others, which is the most important ministry that anyone of us can be called to undertake in our life.

Philippians 2: 1 – 5,....if there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels of mercy, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind....in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves....look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others....let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus....

As believers, our actions are to be given through humility, avoiding worldly pride and selfishness. We are to value others above ourselves by actively seeking to show unto others the importance of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. For it is through the understanding of our own salvation that we can live in unity with one another within the body of Christ. Therefore, the evidence of our desire to be worthy in the eyes of God is based upon certain characteristics, which some are: we are united in Christ, we are comforted through God's love, we are led by the spirit of God, and we have been given the ability to show unto others the compassion of God. Now we truly see how much God, through Christ has done for us, and we now recognize our purpose within the body of Christ, for we have been adopted into God's eternal family. Every believer serves God by serving one another. 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 brings into our life his joy, happiness, and peace of mind.

1 Corinthians 13: 13,....and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity....

Faith, hope, and love are all eternal characteristics, so why is love supreme. It is God's characteristic of love that will continue to exist even when faith and hope are no longer necessary, for in our immortality with God our faith will become our eternal insight, and our hope will have been fulfilled. Therefore, God's love will remain the constant, eternal principle in our life. For it is God's love that is a divine, attribute that will be perfectly experienced throughout all eternity, not forgetting that it is most significant now in our life in Christ, for it is the foundation by which our good works can be seen worthy in the eyes of God.

Let us Pray.

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