

A HERITAGE OF TRUTH

THEME TEN: God's Purpose for His Children

Truth #9

QUESTION

What does it mean to do good works?

ANSWER

It means obeying God's Law for the glory of God
and the good of others.

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that
they may see your good works and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven. ESV

SUGGESTED HYMN

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

FURTHER STUDY

Good Works in the Pastoral Epistles

1 Timothy 2:10 The Adornment of Godly Women

1 Timothy 5:10 The Mark of Godly Widows

1 Timothy 5:25 Their Public Witness

1 Timothy 6:18 The Responsibility of the Rich

Titus 2:7 The Example Pastors Must Set

Titus 2:14 The Purpose of Christ's Redemption

Titus 3:8 The Responsibility of All the Redeemed

Titus 3:14 The Responsibility of All the Redeemed

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The phrase *good works* occurs more frequently in the Pastoral Epistles (1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus) than the rest of the New Testament combined. These eight references help us understand how God intends for us to live.
- Consider 1 Timothy 2:10 and 5:10, two references that talk about women and good works. Look at the context of those verses. What other kinds of activities are coupled with the concept of good works? How does this flesh out the meaning of the phrase *good works*? If you have daughters, take time to pray that God would make them this kind of woman.
- Besides doing good works, what responsibilities does God place on the rich (1 Timothy 6:18)? Look also at Paul's instruction to all believers in Titus 3:14. How does this help us understanding what it means to do good works?
- These passages make it clear that *good works* specifically refers to performing acts of kindness towards other people. These things, Paul says, cannot remain hidden (1 Timothy 5:25). Think about this week's memory verse (Matthew 5:16). Why do you think God created the world in such a way that good works are conspicuous? Is He creating a venue for you to show everyone how great you are? According to Matthew 5:16, who gets the glory when your good works are on display? Take time to give praise to God for using you to magnify His great name.

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