

Good Works

Share Life – His (THE Life), not just yours

Our Purpose...displaying His goodness

(Mt 5:16) ¹⁶“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Good Works = ?

(Jn 10:32) ³²Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

Good Works = ?

Why shouldn't our good works look like His? (both/and)

The World can Serve. We can Display His Goodness.

(Ep 2:10) ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

What Good Works were you created for?

(Mt 10:8) ⁸“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

We can only give what we've received.

By Faith: Freely = not earned. ~ (2 verses before “faith chapter”)

(Heb 10:38-39) ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” ³⁹But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Contrast: Faith vs Drawing Back (Fear)

(Ro 8:31-32) ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

If free, why not you? (1 Cor 14:1)

(1Co 2:12-14) ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Source is Spirit – problem of Foolishness (fear, drawing back)

(Jn 20:21-22) ²¹So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Sent like Him because we have Holy Spirit (Pneuma)

My story: blowing, prayer retreat, NY

Note – no manifestation in Jn 20

(Ac 1:4-5) ⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Wait for the Power (vs 8)

What did that look like?

(Ac 2:15-17) ¹⁵“For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Foolish looking? (address “drunk in the Spirit”)

(Ep 5:18-21) ¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Present Imperative = “keep being filled”

Should lead to Encouragement, Praise, Thankfulness, Humility

We’re not after foolish looking expressions/manifestations.

We’re after genuine power and gifts of Holy Spirit.

But we must be *willing* to *appear* foolish.

Try our best to make sure it’s God, not us. (ex: pushing)

We don’t pursue any particular manifestations.

We pursue Him and the activity of His Kingdom.

But we can’t fear them either. (draw back vs 1 Cor 14:1)