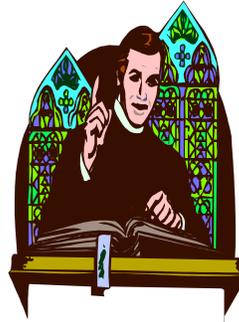


Pamphlet #4

*Good Works Not Enough
God Works Enough*



“Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Luke 18:18

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Day 1



Many people desire to have a relationship with the Son of God Jesus Christ. A strong committed relationship with Christ begins with a **confession** of your sins in His name. This means that you openly acknowledge your guilt in doing wrong against God's Commandments and Laws.

After you make an oral confession you must **accept** Jesus Christ as God's only acceptable atonement for your sin. Then you must **invite** Jesus Christ into your heart and ask Him to empower you to keep His word. Once you've done these things you must openly live a **committed** lifestyle to Jesus Christ.

This is what is required when one considers giving their life to Jesus Christ. However, many people confuse these simple steps. Some people are deceived into believing good works are enough to please the one true God. This understanding is dangerous if you believe God is the one true judge that everyone must meet one day at an appointed time.

A person believing doing good works covers their sin or pleases God is wrong according to God's word. The Bible clearly says in Psalm 53:3...

Everyone...has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good not even one.

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God's word doesn't identify anyone as good despite a person's claim of doing good works. According to the Bible no one is capable of consistently doing "good". This brings an accusation against every person. Every one is guilty of breaking God's Law at a given point or time in their life. Not keeping God's Law is a sin and to continue to practice sin means that one faces severe judgment from God. (Rom.6:23).

1 John 1:If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Anyone who says they do not sin is already guilty of committing a sin because they are lying. The only person to walk this earth and live a perfect life pleasing to God is God's Son Jesus Christ. Therefore a person's reliance on doing "good works" to please God falls well short of God's expectations



This statement causes you to believe that there is no way to please God, but this couldn't be further from the truth. God knows His children fall short of doing what He commands sometimes. This is why He sent His Son to pay the ultimate price and bear the punishment for the sins of the world. Because Christ paid the price for all sin, it is important that one understand that He is the reason why forgiveness of sin must be asked in His name.

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Doing what is right is always the best thing to do, but living to please Jesus Christ is better. If you attempt to please God simply by doing good works, you will make yourself miserable. This reflects an incident in the Bible.

Luke 18:21 All these...I have kept from my youth. 22 One thing you still lack...sell all you possess... and follow me.

A rich young man asked Jesus what was necessary to remain in good standing with God. Jesus told Him to keep God's Commandments. He told him not to commit adultery, murder, steal, lie, and to obey his parents. The man responded happily that he did all those things. He believed he was in good standing with God because of the good works, but Jesus told Him he neglected one thing.

Jesus told Him to sell his possessions and to follow Him, but he was unable to do so. He didn't commit his life nor trust in God. This response revealed the true meaning behind his actions. Jesus told the man to commit his lifestyle toward God. He did good works possibly to offset the bad things he did.

People sometimes do good things for a little while to compensate the bad things they do. Your boyfriend or girlfriend may think it's a good thing to have sex before marriage, but God's

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commandment says otherwise (Ex.20:14, Mat.15:19). Which definition of good is best to follow? This is why it is important to measure your actions according to God's word and standards instead of men. Should one persist to please man, a person's conscious may cause them to go to church or give a homeless man a dollar to compensate for potential guilt resulting from breaking God's commandment.

The individual pleasing boyfriend or girlfriend sexually by committing fornication does not please God. "Good works" must be defined as godly works. This is why the Bible says no one is good because everyone can do something good according to his own definition, but the question is are those good works pleasing God.



Another example is a Christian putting twenty dollars into the collection plate to offset the fact that he should have put in more because God requires ten percent (tithing). The fact that the person put in twenty dollars is good, but according to God's Law, they fell short of pleasing God.

Jesus challenged the rich man and told him to give up sporadic displays of appeasing his conscious and to commit to serving God. Good works is a misguided belief that you can do godlike activity without truly committing to God. No one can hold

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down two full time jobs (Mat.6:24).

It is possible that an individual can work a fulltime job and a part time job, but in most cases the fulltime job gives the best benefits. Working two fulltime jobs causes a person to be tired, miserable, and it's just not healthy. In the same manner, good works without God causes you to be miserable and it doesn't lead to a healthy relationship with God.

You must commit to Christ fulltime. Fulltime means living for Christ everyday of the week for the rest of your natural life. This is why Jesus told His disciples it is impossible for man to please God on His own. The only way to please God is through Jesus Christ the Son of God (Read Luke 18:18-27).

A more modern example is an employee working on a job for years. A job promotion becomes available and the employee abruptly treats the boss in charge of hiring nicer than usual. He brings the boss coffee, he speaks to everyone, he comes in to work early, and stays late. These good works are motivated for selfish reasons. The employee wants the promotion.

Someone is hired, but it is not the employee who is overly nice. Now what does the employee do since he didn't get the job? The employee is bitter and he no longer does the good things because he feels doing good doesn't profit him anything.

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Circumstances such as these bring about physical, mental, and emotional pain.

***2 Thes.3:13 But as for you brethren, do not grow weary
in doing good.***

However, when a sincere desire to please God's Son Jesus Christ prevails in the heart of God's children, the individual knows God is the One who repays. Even when the individual receiving it does not repay generously, God sees all. He is the one that will repay. When godly person displays God's character to please God, they work for God.

Consider the plan God has for your life. Good works aren't enough to please Him. Attempting to please everyone will make you miserable. Frustration sets in when no one notices and when you feel proper payment wasn't done you become bitter because you feel people took advantage of your kindness.

Commit to Christ and know that He will repay you. Understand good works is the work God which empowers you to build His kingdom. Working for God has the greatest pay scale compared to anyone. His benefits last forever and His rewards are rich in blessing (1 Chr.17:27)

Day 7

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord & personal Savior? Would you like to enter into covenant with Him by accepting Jesus Christ right now? If so, say the following prayer:

Heavenly Father I come before you to ask recognize that I am a sinner. I believe that to cleanse me from all my sins. Lord I and I invite you into my heart. I accept submit to your will this day. I pray that you keep me strong and deliver me from evil and temptation. I give you thanks today. In Jesus name I prayer...Amen.



for forgiveness of my sins in Jesus name. I Jesus Christ is your son and He died for me believe you rose from the dead with all power you as my Lord and personal Savior and

If you said this prayer you are a member of the body of Christ. The Lord heard your prayer and He will keep you and guide you. Confess your conversion to a friend and find a good church home. Pray and ask God to place someone in your life to guide you and listen to their instruction. Continue to pray, praise, and study in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Study Questions

1. Good works is _____. a) enough to please God b) not enough to please God. c) is a way into heaven
 2. I have a proper relationship with God when I _____.
a) confess my sins in Jesus name b) do good works c) sin
 3. The book of Psalms says _____. a) everyone does good. b) no one does good. c) it doesn't matter who does good
 4. The only way I can achieve good standing with God is by _____. a) doing good by man's standard b) being obedient to and living according to God's word c) neither
- True or False
5. Anyone who says they don't sin is lying.
 6. I don't need to be discouraged about doing God's will all the time.

Yes or No

7. Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and personal Savior? (If no see page 7).

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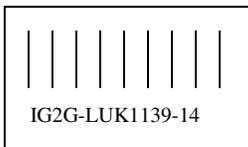
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