

Building God's Kingdom Today! Good Works!

BIG IDEA:

God builds his kingdom through our good works

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 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. (Matthew 5:14-16)

God's word is always pointing us to Good works!

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 2:12 - Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Colossians 1:10 - And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 - May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Other texts pointing to Good works.

**Hebrews 13:20-21, 1 Timothy 6:18, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Corinthians 9:8
2 Timothy 2:21, Galatians 6:10, Luke 6:27, 35**

Life Application 1: We must be eager to do good works.

Life Application 2: We should encourage one another to do good works.

Hebrews 10:24 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

Life Application 3: Our good works bring God glory.

They get help. We get joy. God gets glory.

A SUMMER OF GOOD WORKS!

What are your next steps in building the Kingdom of God?

1. What can you do to keep the purpose of building God's Kingdom in front of you all the time?
2. What skills or relationships do you need to seek out?
3. Is there a neighbor (s) or coworker or family member where you can use your gifts to help them?
4. Is there a ministry/non profit where you can use your gifts to build the kingdom?
5. Is there someplace at Encounter church where you can serve that uses your availability, your talents, and your gifts?