

# GOD'S PLAN

FOR YOUR LIFE

## (4 REASONS TO WORSHIP GOD)

### #4-GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A DISTRIBUTOR OF HIS GRACE

1. God wants you to be a member of His family. Salvation
2. God wants you to be a model of His character. Discipleship
3. God wants you to be an ambassador of His Kingdom. Evangelism
4. God wants you to be a distributor of His grace. Ministry

What would your perfect church look like?

What would the perfect church look like to God?

5. Since you have received the grace of God freely, you should distribute grace to all in need.
6. Your works testify of your heart.
7. The Bible has much to say about the importance of good works.

**Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.*

#### 1. Jesus commands His followers to do good works

1. Jesus says that your good works illuminate God.
2. Jesus states this as a universal expectation for His followers.
3. He later warns against doing good works to obtain the approval of man.

#### 2. Good works are the fruit of salvation

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup> *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

1. God not only expects you to do good works; He planned them for you.
2. Good works could never earn salvation.
3. Salvation produces good works—in view of God's goodness

### 3. Good works require diligent effort

**Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)** *<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

1. It is common for good works to make us weary.
2. You must do all you do for God's approval.
3. Do good whenever you can, especially to other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Great scriptures on good works:

**1 Timothy 2:10 (NLT2)** *For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.*

**1 Timothy 5:25 (ESV)** *So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.*

**1 Timothy 6:17-18 (CSBBible)** *<sup>17</sup> Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share,*

**Titus 2:7 (ESV)** *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,*

**Titus 2:14 (ESV)** *who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

**Titus 3:8 (ESV)** *The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.*

**Titus 3:14 (ESV)** *And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.*

**Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)** *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*

**1 Peter 2:12 (CSBBible)** *Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.*

Do good deeds:    1. Inside the church, 2. Outside the church,  
                          3. Jointly, 4. Individually,  
                          5. Intentionally, 6. Spontaneously

**Acts 20:35 (ESV)** *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”**