

Fair Grove Church of Christ

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O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways. (Psalm
139:1-3 NKJV)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday August 30, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

Article

Doing Good - Isaac Helterbrand

Christians should be doing good works. That is a simple fact of what the Christian life is supposed to be. However, we often get carried away with the struggles of our earthly lives and forget to keep an eye out for opportunities to do good things. The Bible commands us to be seeking the good of others, so we should always have our eyes open for opportunities, unwilling to miss a chance to show the compassion and sacrificial attitude of Jesus in our lives. Remember, doing good works involves more than doing the obvious and easy things we find to do for the Lord in our lives.

Our good works need to be for God's glory, not our own. This is sometimes easier said than done. How often do you see a post on Facebook that essentially says, "Look at what I did! Glory to God!" Should we not just allow God to glorify Himself through our actions? During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught on how to accomplish good works.

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly" (Matthew 6:1-4)

The way Jesus explains it, our reward comes from God who sees in secret IF we accomplish our good deeds in a discrete manner, not "sounding a trumpet" or claiming any glory for ourselves.

Sometimes, we don't see immediate rewards from the good deeds we do. It can become a weariness to us to do something good and give up our time, energy, and resources, and seem to get nothing in return. Despite these feelings, **our good works need to be consistent and opportunistic.** Making good works habitual and remembering that we will be rewarded in due time by God will keep us from losing our motivation. Paul wrote these words in Galatians 6:9-10,

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Paul teaches here that we should do good **to all people, as we have opportunity, and do so with consistent zeal and fervor.** Make sure you are actively looking for chances to do charitable and good things for people this week, and through that, display the likeness of Jesus in your life.

About Us

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

Invitation

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Grove Church of Christ!

Visit our website!
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Meeting Times

Sunday

- **10:00AM Bible Study**
- **11:00AM Worship Service**

Wednesday

- **7:00PM Bible Study**

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