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Matthew 28:19–20 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Engage in Christ Mission

We are called to bear witness to Christ by the good work we do.

Good Works Defined

kalos ergon – good works/deeds

Occasionally -> good conduct behavior Primarily -> acts designed to benefit others

Salvation and Good Works

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

Salvation and Good Works

Faith = justification + works (Correct) Faith + works = Justification (incorrect)

Salvation doesn't depend on good works, but leads to them!

1 Timothy 6:17–19 (ESV)

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Titus 2:7 Show yourself in all respects to be **a** model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, Titus 2:14 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 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.

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

That Others May See...

1 Peter 2:11–12 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

That Others May See...

Matthew 5:14–16 14 "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.

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Our good works are to benefit others and glorify God!

Again: nothing is a good work unless it is done with a good motive; and there is no motive which can be said to be good but the glory of God. CHARLES SPURGEON



How Do I Start?

Seeing a Need and Responding

Learn to Listen to ... God's story Your community's story and your own story. Where do they intersect?

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I pray to God Almighty that I may not live my life out and when I am gone not have anybody sorry I went. It is entirely possible. Doing good works is not just benevolence, either. It is doing good works for Jesus Christ's sake. That is why you are left here.