

To Abound in Good Works

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, how did this message impact you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? Was there anything that particularly caught your attention or confused you?
2. Referring to 1 Corinthians 15:58, what should motivate us to be steadfast, immovable, and abounding in the works of the Lord?
3. Keeping our motivation in mind, what does it mean to abound? Why is it important? Are you abounding in good works? What are you doing?
4. What excuses do we often use to justify not actively pursuing the Lord's work (or not being fully committed to it)?
5. What sort of things do we, as evangelical Christians, tend to classify as "good works"?
6. Although the gospel clearly states that we are not saved by good works, what does James 2:14-26 imply about faith without works?
7. Why is it important to evaluate our faith in relationship to how we are involved in God's work?
8. How do we deceive ourselves by making our faith only about our own relationship with the Lord?
9. What implications can we draw from the following scriptures? (Matthew 25:18-28, John 15:5-6)
10. How can we evaluate if our faith is real?
11. How can good works become a trap for legalism? How do we abound without slipping into legalism?
12. Describe what the church would look like if everyone were abounding in the work of the Lord.
13. Although we can (and should) individually abound in good works, what results does God intend for the corporate and collective purposes of abounding in good works? (1 Corinthians 14:12)

Application

This week, think about how you can abound (actually overdo) in good works. List five things that you **personally** could accomplish to produce good works for the Lord. List five things we could accomplish as a **local church** that would bring honor to Jesus. What good works can your small group do?

In your small group strive to hold each other accountable!