

MADE ALIVE: To Abound in Good Works

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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God expects fruit from our lives.

Do all the good you can when you can.

OUR MOTIVATION FOR ABOUNDING...

Motivation #1: God's truth is infinitely stronger than falsehood.
1 Corinthians 15:50-54a

Motivation #2: God's goodness is infinitely stronger than evil.
1 Corinthians 15:54b

Motivation #3: God's love is infinitely stronger than the sling of death.
1 Corinthians 15:55-56

Motivation #4: Jesus' life is our complete victory. 1 Corinthians 15:57

MANAGING THE TENSION...

John 15:1-11; Luke 10:38-42; James 2:14-26

If we are abiding, then we ought to be abounding.

HOPE OF THE WORLD...

Ask, "God what's next?"

Hebrews 10:24

Share how God is using you.
Share how you are learning to abound in good works.
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Food for Thought for the week of October 11, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, 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 can we evaluate if our faith is real?
9. How can good works become a trap for legalism? How do we abound without slipping into legalism?
10. Describe what the church would look like if everyone were abounding in the work of the Lord.

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?