

Lesson 38 Answers and Comments

Titus	soweth	thanksgiving
Poor	sparingly	all
Jerusalem	sparingly	grace
Macedonia	soweth	abound
Beyond	bountifully	all
Power	bountifully	all
Grace	poor	every
Rich	deliver	good
Grace	trouble	work
Rich	preserve	grace
Poverty	alive	grace
Rich	blessed	bestowed
Rich	earth	vain
All	enemies	labored
Freely	given	abundantly
Give	give	grace
All	your	sufficiency
Things	measure	things
Affliction	measured	good
Abundance	sell	work
Joy	give	all
Poverty	poor	saved
Riches	treasure	come
Liberality	heaven	knowledge
Unprepared	service	truth
Ashamed	supplieth	
Begun	want	
Year	saints	
Perform	abundant	
Doing	thankgivings	
Readiness	every	
Will	thing	
Performance	bountifulness	

If a farmer plants corn, he expects to reap corn. This is a basic law of the harvest. You get what you sow. If we as believers are sowing the seeds of the gospel, the sound doctrine of the word of God, what will we reap? Fatter wallets, better grades, healthy bodies, safe travels, better jobs? We will reap the harvest that God alone can give, souls saved, saints perfected, thanksgiving to God and a strengthening of our own faith.

I Cor. 3:6 "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Reaping personal reward is not what II Cor. 9:6 is all about. If a believer is sowing the glory of God, the manifesting of the life of Christ, the harvest will be the glory of God, the life of Christ on display! This is the bountiful harvest we should desire.

The body of Christ needs men sowing bountifully, being a pattern of good works. Collaborating with God in the fields of the souls of men.

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I don't know what the statistics are, but I do know that women make up the greater percentage of church attendees. Recently when talking to a saved man about spiritual things he said, "I leave all that up to my wife." Shame for shame!

Get in the "spiritual farming" work and be fruitful in every good work.

Lesson 39 A Pattern of Good Works continued

Titus 2:7 “In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works...”

II Tim. 3:16, 17 are verses that tell us about God’s provision for being equipped for the good works God wants us to do. “All _____ is given by inspiration of God, and is _____ for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: vs. 17 That the _____ of God may be _____, throughly _____ unto all _____.”

Paul directs Timothy to the scriptures. The scriptures that he had just told Timothy to _____ in II Tim. 2:15.

The word of God is profitable for four things in II Tim. 3:16:

1. doctrine-what I believe
2. reproof-what is wrong
3. correction-what is right
4. instruction in righteousness-how to do what’s right

God does not give this authority to a church, a creed, or any human authority. The Bible says all _____ (word of God) is profitable for these things. To the intent that the man of God may be _____, throughly _____ (equipped) unto all _____.

Our being equipped, prepared, throughly furnished for good works will be in direct relation to the profit the rightly divided scriptures have had in our life.

Only by letting the doctrine, the reproof, the correction, the instruction in righteousness of the rightly divided scriptures can a man of God be ready to co-labor with God in the things God is doing.

God is not directing our activity by “still small voices”, hunches, feelings, or circumstances.

II Tim. 2:21 "If a man therefore _____ himself from these, he shall be a _____ unto honor, sanctified, and _____ for the master's use, and _____ unto every _____."

What are the "these" that a believer is to purge (cleanse) himself of? Read vs. 15-20 of II Tim. 2. The "these" are vs. 16 "But _____ and _____..." In vs. 18 "Who concerning the _____ have _____..." Do you think errant doctrine isn't important to the Lord?

We see in these verses the need to purge ourselves of anything that errors concerning the truth in order to be a vessel prepared for good works.

"I just want to serve Jesus, I don't care about doctrine" comes the cry of many believers. According to the verse, we must say, Impossible!

And then we see the second thing that we need to purge out in vs. 19 "...And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ _____ from _____."

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If you are under the dominion of sin, your vessel cannot be prepared for good work.

Wrong doctrine and sin are the two things that we all need to purge out if we want to be vessels of honor fit for the Masters use and prepared unto every good work. And with what and how can we do this purging? Of course we go right to II Tim. 3:16. The rightly divided word of God which alone is profitable for _____, _____, _____, _____ in _____. See how it all fits together?

Now that we have the rightly divided scriptures equipping our vessel so that it is purged from the wrong doctrine and sin what kind of good works are we going to start building in our lives?

I Cor. 3:12 "Now if any man _____ upon this _____ (the doctrinal one Paul laid, vs.10) _____, _____, _____, _____, _____."

We see two different categories here.

1. Of value
2. Worthless

These materials are said to be our _____ in vs. 13 of I Cor. 3.

The works of gold, silver and precious stones are the things that are built upon the foundation that Paul laid as the wise _____ of I Cor. 3:10. It is on

this foundation that we are to take _____ as to how we build thereon. Taking John's, Peter's, James's, the kingdom gospel, even the teachings of Christ in His earthly ministry as (building material) and building these on Paul's foundation will result in works that are categorized as _____ and stubble.

Let's look at some verses that demonstrate this.

Christ told his hearers in Matt. 23:1-3, verse 2, "Saying, the scribes and Pharisees sit in _____ seat: vs. 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you _____, that _____ and _____..." In other words, keep the law!

Paul says in Rom. 6:14 "...for ye are not _____ the _____, but under _____." Which message ought you and I to build on Paul's foundation?

James says in James 1:25 "But whoso _____ into the perfect _____ of liberty, and _____ therein, he being not a _____ hearer, but a _____ of the _____, this man shall be _____ in his deed.

Paul says it is not our deeds of faithfulness but in I Cor. 1:9 "_____ is _____, by whom ye were _____ (summoned) unto the _____ of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Whose truths ought we to be building on Paul's foundation?

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James says in James 2:20 "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that _____ without _____ is _____?"

Paul says in Rom. 4:5 "But to him that worketh _____, but _____ on him that justifieth the ungodly, his _____ is counted for _____."

Which doctrinal truth ought we to build on Paul's foundation?

If we seek to operate under the law principle, the kingdom principle, or any other dispensational truth other than the doctrinal foundation as laid down by the apostle Paul, we will build works of wood, hay and stubble in our lifetime.

To tithe, as under the law principle, is inappropriate today under grace. Preachers pound pulpits with Malachi 3:8-10 "Will a man _____ God" vs. 10 "Bring ye all the _____ into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not _____ the _____ of _____, and pour you out a _____, that there shall not be _____ enough to _____ it." NO! NO! NO! This doctrine built on Paul's foundation will result in work that is wood, hay and stubble. Just kindling wood for the fire!

This was and will be a great truth for Israel but not for the body of Christ. And what about that prayer work that preachers demand of believers from II Chron. 7:14 "If _____ people, which are called by my name, shall _____ themselves, and _____ and _____ my face, and _____ from their wicked ways: _____ I will _____ from _____...." NO! NO! NO! This was and will be Israel's program. None of this verse is part of the doctrinal foundation Paul laid. To teach or to operate under this truth is just so much fuel for the fire. It is not what God is doing today.

We could go on and on, sufficient to say, be Pauline in your doctrine if you want to build works of gold, silver and precious stone that will stand the test of I Cor. 3:13 "...and the _____ shall _____ every man's _____ of what _____ it is."

Thank God for the fire! Those worthless works will be burned up and forever removed so as not to stand against us.

Don't waste your life on wood, hay and stubble. Let the foundation of doctrine laid by Paul determine the works that you build in your lifetime. I can't think of a better occupation for all of us and especially you men to pursue than spiritual farming and building. Get the seeds and water of sound doctrine and the materials of gold, silver and precious stones of Paul's doctrinal foundation and get on with Titus 3:1 "...to be _____ to every _____," and vs. 8 "...that they which have believed in God might be careful to _____ _____..."