

Answers and Comments Lesson 39

Scripture	build	faith
Profitable	foundation	works
Man	gold	dead
Perfect	silver	not
Furnished	Precious	believeth
Good	stones	faith
Works	wood	righteousness
Rightly	hay	rob
Divide	stubble	tithes
Scripture	work	open
Perfect	masterbuilder	windows
Furnished	heed	heaven
Good	wood	blessing
Works	hay	room
Purge	Moses'	receive
Vessel	observe	my
Meet	observe	humble
Prepared	do	pray
Good	under	seek
Work	law	turn
Shun	grace	then
Profane	looketh	hear
Vain	law	heaven
Babblings	continueth	fire
Truth	forgetful	thy
Erred	doer	work
Depart	work	sort
Iniquity	blessed	ready
Doctrine	God	good
Reproof	faithful	work
Correction	called	maintain
Instruction	fellowship	good
Righteousness		works

As much as I like a big bonfire, I don't want to be a part of a big one in eternity. Seeing the works of my life as a Christian go up in smoke would be a shame and a loss. I Cor. 3:15

Paul eagerly anticipated going home to be with his Lord. Paul was excited about the prospect of seeing the souls that Christ had saved and established through the preaching of the gospel.

I Thes. 2:19, 20 "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? Vs. 20 For ye are our glory and joy."

Are the “good works” we are walking in causing us to anticipate the same joy (souls saved and established) that Paul was looking forward to??? Believers sometimes think of bigger mansions on wider streets with better tee times as their “reward” in heaven. Only the love of Christ will propel us into this great “walk” of good works that we are called to.

Lesson 40 Good Works continued

Titus 2:6-8

“Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. Vs. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned;...”

Men, a high calling indeed are these verses. Are they the heartbeat of your life?

I’m so glad that the apostle Paul starts off this portion with “Young men”. There can be a tendency to think that all this “spiritual stuff is for old men”. Solomon says in Ecc. 12:1 “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy _____...” The Lord does not discount the youth!

Samuel went to Jesse and told him to bring all his children before him. Jesse brought 7 of his sons before Samuel. In I Sam. 16:11, 12 “And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy _____? And he said, There remaineth yet the _____, and, behold, he _____ the _____. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him...vs. 12... And the LORD said, Arise, _____ him: for this is he.”

Paul referred to Timothy as a young man. And yet says of him in Phil. 2:19-23 ”But I trust in the Lord to send _____”... vs. 20 “For I have no man _____, who will naturally care for your state. Vs. 21 For all seek their _____, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s. vs. 22 But ye know the _____ of him, that as a _____ with the _____, he hath _____ with me in the _____.”

Timothy, a young man, was likeminded with Paul and had a care for the spiritual condition of others. Consequently, Timothy served with Paul in the gospel

What are you waiting for? Back in Titus we see that the young men are to be sober minded, shewing themselves a pattern of good works. Paul goes on to detail some of these.

In doctrine – What is taught or delivered by God to be believed on. Paul uses the word doctrine over 20 times. In Rom. 6:17 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have _____ from the _____ that _____ of _____ which was _____ you.”

Paul emphasis over and over again that the message that the risen Christ gave him is the message (doctrine) to be believed on today. Please look up the following verses. II Tim. 1:13, Gal. 1:8, I Tim. 1:3, I Cor. 14:37, I Tim. 6:3, II Cor. 11:4, Gal. 1:11, 12, Gal. 2:7, 8, Eph. 3:8, 9.

Don't minimize what God maximizes!

Part of Israel's failure was that their leaders decided to preach, Matt. 15:9 "But in _____ do they _____ me, teaching for _____ the _____ of _____." Christ warned his disciples to beware of the _____ of the _____ and of the _____ in Matt. 16:12.

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Paul warns in Eph. 4:14 of being "_____ to and fro, and carried about with every _____ of _____..." And of ears that turn away from the _____ and turned unto _____ in II Tim. 4:4.

In Titus 2:7, Paul says "in doctrine shewing _____..."

Anything that is contrary to the doctrine delivered by Christ to Paul will corrupt. Rom. 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them, which cause divisions and offenses _____ to the _____ which ye have _____; and avoid them."

Corrupt doctrine is unhealthy, unsound, tainted, impure and destructive in its outcome. It matters what you are believing. The Bible, not rightly divided can be a dangerous book. Look what Peter says, II Pet. 3:16 speaking about Paul's epistles "As also in _____ his _____, speaking in them of these things (the delayed coming of Christ in Israel's prophetic program vs. 15) "in which are some things _____ to be _____, which they that are _____ and _____ wrest, (twist) as they do also the other _____, unto their own _____."

Don't be a part of the "many" II Cor. 2:17 "For we are not as the _____, which _____ the word of God:..."

Gravity – not the force or weight that pulls us but the weight of one's character. A character that demonstrates your being grounded in the word of God. I love this! How many people have you known that have some (or a lot) of head knowledge of doctrine but it's had little or no impact on their life? A character that reflects the doctrine is what God desires.

Sincerity – free from hypocrisy, pure genuine. I've heard "I'm not interested in church because it's full of hypocrites". Of course, so is the mall, Walgreens, and sports stadiums. But there is a point to be taken here. Paul has much to say about sincerity. I

Cor. 5:8 "...but with the unleavened bread of _____ and _____."
(Sorry, just being sincere is not enough).

II Cor. 1:12 "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our _____, that in _____ and godly _____... we have had our _____ in the world, and more abundantly toward you."

Eph. 6:24 "Grace be with all them that _____ our Lord Jesus Christ in _____. Amen." To all those that say "I love Jesus" but don't care about doctrine (what He says) you are insincere in your love.

Phil. 1:10 "That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be _____ and without offense till the day of Christ."

Sound speech – wholesome words I Tim. 6:3 "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to _____, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the _____ which is according to godliness;" Young men, the words you speak ought to reveal the wisdom of the word of God.

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Girls, have you seen any of these young men around? Men, who are a pattern of good works, whose doctrine is uncorrupt, whose character reveals the soundness of their faith, who are sincere and speak the wisdom of God's word? Then KEEP LOOKING! If there's a man in your life, encourage him in these things.

Young men, don't miss this call to godliness.