

## The Work of the Lord

1 Cor 15:58

Can't do a job unless you know what it is 2 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim 3:16-17

Can't do it well unless you know the overview Jn 15:15

Can't do it unless we are willing

Reason to be willing #1 - it is not in vain

Reason to be willing #2 - love for our Lord

Reason to be willing #3 - love for fellow man

Reason to be willing #4 - God said so

### Work of the Lord #1

Believe in the Son whom He sent - Jn 6:29

This is the work Paul talks about - Rom 15:17; 1 Cor 16:10

The church itself is the work of God - Rom 14:20

### Work of the Lord #2

Eph 4:12 "equip the saints for the work of the ministry"

Good works - Mt 5:16 (context)

Jesus went about "doing good" Acts 10:38; Jn 9:4

Col 1:10 "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord..."

Golden rule - Mt 7:12

Gal 6:10 (note verse 9 with 2 Thess 3:13)

1 Pet 2:15 - doing good puts to silence foolishness

Giving - Mt 5:42; 6:2; Lk 6:27-36

Boundaries

2 Thess 3:10

Those who sponge off the church

Professional beggars

But even in our day of social and government programs and manipulators, there are still opportunities to give as the Lord has shown us - Mk 14:7

### Our work in the WORLD is a work "of the Lord"

To many, their work is their identity

Paul - Acts 20:34-35

Ex-thieves - Eph 4:28

In speaking of the contribution - 2 Cor 8:10 (a work); 2 Cor 9:7-8

Col 3:23 - do as to the Lord

1 Thess 4:11; 2 Thess 3:10-12 - work

Tit 3:1 - ready to do every good work

That we might support ourselves, receive the blessings of God, help others and contribute to the Lord's cause

YOU are the work of the Lord - Phil 2:13; 1:6; 2 Thess 1:11-12

Work of the Lord #3

The Lord's work is done by the Lord's church - Eph 4:11-15 and our text 1 Cor 15:58