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THE NARROW WAY PART 10 - WORKS OF GOD PT 4

The next element of the Works of God I want to unpack are the physical works which the Father leads and calls us into. Scripture makes it very clear that there are works to be accomplished in His name by faith, and that the accomplishment of these works brings glory to the Father.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

There are multiple references in the scriptures that tell us there are works to be done in Jesus' name. Let's have a look at some of them.

1. Going into the world and making disciples of Jesus Christ.
2. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of the kingdom.
3. Praying for and healing the sick.
4. Casting out of demons.
5. Serving others and meeting their needs.
6. Taking care of orphans and widows.

These are just a small number of works which we are all called to do in the name of Jesus, through the inspiration, leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

All the works God calls us to accomplish must be accomplished through the motivation of love and activated by faith. This is true whether the works are some of those just mentioned or works that are more specific to the gifts God has given us.

Every follower of Jesus Christ must take ownership, responsibility and accountability for the fulfillment of these works in their relationship with Him. There can be no excuses like, "I am too shy", or "I'm an introvert", or "I don't have those gifts", etc. etc. These works are



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universal to every follower of Jesus as, when and how the Holy Spirit leads. This is why we are to be ready in and out of season.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

It is critical that every follower of Jesus Christ is built through the spirit and faith in the truth, into a disciple so that we will know and get on board with the mission of Christ. Jesus said in Matthew, "I will build my church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it" (Matthew 16:18).

When Jesus is building His church, as opposed to man, the church starts to grow and mature into the fullness of Christ, being transformed into His image, having a hunger and thirst, and a real desire to make a difference with their lives in the lives of others. There will be an equipping and a making of disciples who know how to live, move and exist in Him. Disciples who are devoted to the achievement of the Father's will just like the Son was, once again all led by the Spirit and not their own initiative and good ideas.

John 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me."

It's not about doing any good works, because works that come from our flesh get burnt up at the judgement seat of Christ, because they have been wrought in us and not the Spirit.

These disciples are becoming skilled and highly trained soldiers in Jesus' army, who are only interested in pleasing the One who enlisted them.



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Luke 6:40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it essential that each follower is being transformed by the spirit and faith in the truth?
2. How does a person who is being transformed view the works of God?
3. How does being fully trained empower us to do the works of God?
4. How much of your time is spent working the works for God?
5. Share testimony of how doing these works has brought glory to God's name?

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