

Being a Living Example of His Life

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As followers of Jesus Christ, we're to be living examples of His life. In other words, we're to be people through whom the Holy Spirit carries out the Lord's work. To follow Jesus' example, **we must do three things.**

First, learn how to live as God's servants. We need to release control over our time, talent, and treasure. And we need to accept our commission to work in His kingdom. Like our Savior, we're not to act independently (**John 5:19**). **“¹⁹ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”** Our assignment is to do whatever God asks.

Second, we should be ready to answer His call to aid others. There's a natural desire to limit our circle to people like us. But we must fight against this tendency. God asks that we reach out to offer help wherever there's a need. Whether it's for strangers or for individuals we know. Strengthening our relationship with the Lord will help us recognize and act on the opportunities He's placed before us.

Third, **Hebrews 10:24** says **“we should motivate one another to good deeds.”** We should encourage each other to choose godliness and service over worldly pleasure and self-centeredness. Believers are to encourage in each other attitudes of gratefulness for what He's done and confidence about what He'll do in and through their lives.

Good works are not the means of salvation. But they do affect eternal rewards. At the judgment seat of Christ, believers will be evaluated for what they did on earth. Deeds done without direction from God will be burned up. **First Corinthians 3:15** says those accomplished in obedience to the Spirit's call will be rewarded. **“If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”**

Let your love for God stimulate you to labor in His kingdom.