

More About Part-Timers

By: Dan Jenkins

Last week we established from the Scriptures that being a Christian is not a “part-time” job. In that article, we showed how this truth applies to parents as they rear their children. However, this concept has many other vital applications in our lives as Christians. Think about how it applies in the three areas mentioned in the following paragraphs.

True Christianity has no part-time encouragers of brethren. Look at the example of Paul and how his life reflects the life of Christ. Paul said, “Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). His letters show how he uplifted other Christians with encouraging words. He said, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all” (Rom. 1:8); “I thank my God always concerning you” (1 Cor. 1:4); “I...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers” (Eph. 1:6); “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request of you all with joy” (Phil. 1:3-4). (See also Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:2-3; 2 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:3; Tit. 1:4; Phile. 1:4). Imagine how encouraging it would be to know that Paul was praying all the time and mentioning you in every prayer. Space does not permit discussing Barnabas who was given this name by the apostles because it means “son of encouragement.” We need to imitate these men whose lives encouraged others!

True Christianity has no part-time pray-ers. Reread the previous paragraph to see

the truth that we must never be those who casually and sometimes pray for the church and our brothers and sisters. This is far different from an occasional mention of them in prayers. James said, “Pray for one another...the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (Jas. 5:16). Prayer is not simply a crisis management activity. Pray for others; pray for the weak; pray for the lost world. It cannot be a “part-time” section of our lives.

True Christianity has no part-time soul winners. Lift up your eyes like Jesus. He came to be a soul winner. He truly saw more than people. He saw lost souls. He saw the souls of ignorant and unlearned fishermen, of the woman taken in adultery, of the woman at the well, of the thief on the cross, of children, of the hypocritical Jewish leaders, of the disciples who ran away and left Him alone in Gethsemane. He saw souls and did all He could to save them. He never met anyone who He did not seek to bring them one step closer to God. It was who He was and who He still is.

True Christianity is not a Sunday morning only activity. It is not just coming to worship regularly. It is not just what we do some of the time, nor what we do most of the time. Christianity is not a part-time job. It is not like a full-time job. It is who we are! He gave His life for us, and we give our lives to Him.

How Many Good Works Are Enough to Save Me? (Part 4 of 4)

By: Selected

Sometimes people hear sermons or read articles about “doing good works” and “working out your own salvation” and “always abounding in the work of the Lord” and “doing the will of the Father in heaven,” and they are sometimes filled with doubt or grief or trepidation (or even negative emotions toward the one who focused on those portions of Scripture). And here’s what someone like you might say after such an emphasis of this manner on good works: “I’m not perfect! I’m far from it! I will never be able to do everything that God wants me to do perfectly! I’m going to make mistakes and fall short, and probably do that every day. So, there’s no way that I’m going to heaven, because I am never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me.”

If that’s you, I have good news for you. God does not expect you to be perfect! God is not making demands of you that are impossible or unrealistic for you. God knows that you are going to make mistakes—He’s the one who told you that in the Bible. God knows that you will never be able to do everything just right. And that’s what makes Him such an amazing God! Think about what He has told us about this.

Has God made demands of us? Yes, that’s undeniable. Does God call us to obey His commands? Yes, that’s also undeniable. But (are you ready for this?), He actually helps us to do EVERYTHING that He commands us to do!

When we do God’s good works, He is WITH US (Matt. 28:20). He “will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5).

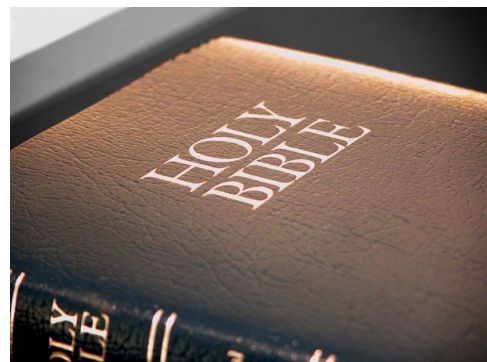
When we do God’s good works, He HELPS US. When commanding us to be fruitful in our good works for Him, Jesus said,

“without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

When we do God’s good works, He WORKS IN US. He “works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13; cf. Heb. 13:21).

Isn’t that amazing!? You’re NOT on your own in your good works for Him! When we think, “I’m never going to be able to reach God’s expectations for me,” HE reminds us that HE is “able” (Eph. 3:20-21).

So, let’s do this. Let’s “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7). That’s not perfect. That’s walking with Him—easy and doable. Let’s strive to be “faithful” (Rev. 2:10). That’s not perfect! That’s doing the best that I can with what God gives me—easy and doable. And here’s what happens as I do that. The grace and mercy of God (Who wants me to succeed more than anyone else) is poured out on me to help me do His will and to forgive me when I fall short of it (1 John 1:7). What an amazing God we get to serve!



Upcoming Events

TODAY: Midtown's Challenging the Church with speaker Brant Stubblefield. There will be a pot-luck luncheon after the morning service. Please bring a dish/dessert to share. The Sunday Afternoon services will begin at 12:45pm.

Sunday, May 10: Monthly Youth devotional after evening services.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Letty Randle's mother, Alicia Hernandez. Her health is declining.

Sandy Horton who had procedures done for her stomach issues.

Patty Smith, Rieke Bass' sister, will be having tests done.

Krista Lehtinen and family on the passing of her mother, Cynthia Burris.

Elana Carroll who requested prayers with her new job.

Eddie Serenil who had a heart bypass surgery recently and is at home recovering.

Service Roster

Week of May 3, 2026

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading.....James Cammock
Song Leader.....Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer.....Cody McCoy
Closing Prayer.....Ron White

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread.....Kirk FitzSimmons
Cup.....Jack Jobes
Offering.....Jake Jacobs
Assist.....Kanin Jacobs
Assist.....Willie Fossati
Assist.....Ferman Rosales

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Barry Lehtinen

Opening Prayer.....Ken Dorries
Closing Prayer.....Cody McCoy

Lord's Supper & Offering.....Steve Randle/
Clifton Rutherford

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class.....Cody McCoy
Song Leader.....Barry Lehtinen
Devotional.....Benny Horton

Other

Prepare Communion.....Connie & Sandy

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Jack Fielder.....May 4
Allen Clifton.....May 4

Anniversaries

Steve and Letty Randle.....May 5

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

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Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

In this the love of God was manifested toward us,
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the
world, that we might live through Him.
1 John 4:9

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of April 26, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....63
A.M. Worship.....86
P.M. Worship.....57
Wednesday Worship.....69

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