

Doing Good

This study is to encourage us all not to be weary or tired in doing good. As we continue to do this it has a profound effect in our lives, one of which is that it assures our hearts before God, if we do it through love and not selfish motives. By sowing good in this way we will reap treasures that cannot be obtained any other way. However this will occur only if we do not faint or give up.

What is good? There is a Greek word for good which is agathos. Describes that which being good in its character or constitution is beneficial in its effect. The good is being morally honorable, pleasing to God and therefore beneficial. It is that which is ethically right, noble and honorable.

Self-examination

1. What is beneficial, pleasing to God and honorable with your wife, children or relatives

2. What is beneficial, right honorable and pleasing to God with your money and possessions?
 - A. Should you give to those who are ministering to you? If so how much?

 - B. Should you give to your enemies?

 - C. Should you give to your wife, children, friends or other Christians?

The Scriptures underlined reveals the blessings we receive from our Lord

Gal 6:7-10 (KJV)

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. **8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

2 Cor 9:6-9 (KJV)

6 But this I say, He which sow sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully. **7** Every man according as he purpose in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remain for ever.

Prov 3:9-10 (KJV)

9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: **10** So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

What are first fruits

1 Jn 3:17-19 (KJV)

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and see his brother have need, and shut up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwell the love of God in him? **18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

1 Jn 3:21-22 (KJV)

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. **22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

More Scriptures concerning giving

Matthew 5:42 Matthew 6:1-4

1Tim.5:17-18;

Ecclesiastes 11:1-3

