

When we say Built to last, we are talking about the intention of God over a people, in building a people who are eternally relevant.

*Psalm 84:7 NASBS*

*They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion.*

*Titus 2:13-14 KJVS*

*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; [14] Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

These are a group of people who are precious to God. They are meant to be zealous for good works. One of the healthiest signs of a Christian work is a passion for good works. When you think of zeal, a couple things come to mind - passion, drive, commitment. The opposite is laziness, sloth, lackadaisical. When it says these people are zealous, it is not just youthful zeal. It is a fire that drives towards the purposes of God and a proper representation of Jesus Christ. Do not loose your zeal. Zeal is what will drive you to do the will of God against all contradiction.

### **What are these Good Works? What Does it Mean for a Work to be Good?**

According to Jesus, there is no one good but God (Mark 10:18). When you say something is good, it has a 'God characteristic'. Often times, we think people are good. This is true, often, till they are put under pressure or exposed. Good works are a product of what God is doing inside of you, James 1:17, John 5:17. The only thing that makes a work good is because God is involved in it, Psalm 127:1. I can be involved in good works. The world and mankind can experience true goodness because of the Spirit of God inside of us.

*Matthew 5:14-15 KJVS*

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. [15] Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

Note that the light shines to all that are in the house. Your light is to shine in the house and in the world

*Matthew 5:16 KJVS*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

This scripture shows that there is a connection between your light shining and people seeing your good works. Your good works can be seen.

The only thing God recognizes as light is the person of the Lord Jesus. There is something called “your light”, not “our light”. This is the Christ inside of you being revealed to mankind. When you say a person is zealous for good works, it means you are a person who is zealous to reveal Christ. When a people are zealous to reveal Christ, they become very introspective. This is because, it is not just about what He is doing for us, but what He is doing in us.

*Ezekiel 43:10 KJVS*

*Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.*

This scripture shows an introspection. Some people believe that God is pleased with them always and so there is never a need for repentance. If you have never apologized to a holy God, there is a problem with that relationship. God chastises all He loves. The real relationship you have with God is that inner voice within. If light shining for all to see means good works, then bad works would be the light hidden or not shining for all to see. If good works represents Christ, bad works represents the devil, the flesh. The light shines better when there are more people shining. God is interested in making a presentation through a group of people. This is what we call the manifestation of the sons of God. There are the big things that we see as good works, but sometimes, there are the every day things that we look down on: Pride, gluttony, people pleasing, talking too much, busy bodies.

*2 Corinthians 3:18 KJVS*

*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

If a person is perfect, why do they need to change? God is looking to shine light on all areas of our lives. It take a people who are zealous for it to partner with God to bring about a complete clean vessel. God is interested in the corners of our lives- the hidden parts and secret parts, those known to me and those known to just you. God is doing a corporate work and as you give yourself to God, a thorough work of cleansing is done. It takes two to work together. The second thing is the harvest. God wants to work in us so He can work through men. John 14:2. Now, sometimes, He is working with you and through you at the same time. When we say “Greater works”, these are works pointing towards the character of God. The reason why God places the point of working in you first is because it is the Cushion for Him to walk through you. The Lord put the church in the earth as an investment for mankind. We must be a daring people. There is something supernatural that God has placed in every ones

life. God has placed His spirit upon you to be a channel of good works. One key to effectively working with God is a better appreciation of yourself in the light of God's perspective.

*Acts 10:38 KJVS*

*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

You will not know the deposit of God on your life until you try. There is a dimension of God that cannot be manifested outside of the supernatural. It takes a daring people.

Why are we Looking to be a Zealous People when it Comes to the Mighty Works of God?

*Isaiah 53:10 KJVS*

*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*

There is a way Jesus worked on earth that God wants His Children to walk in. This is because mankind needs to see it. We must be zealous for good works. There is a supernatural element in your life that you must be zealous about. The Christian faith is more exciting when the supernatural is in view. Say to yourself "I am zealous for the supernatural. Because I have the life of God in me, I will manifest the divine Wisdom, power, knowledge and counsel of God. To emphasize the aspect of God prolonging his days, we will look at 1 Samuel 17.

*1 Samuel 17:51-53 KJVS*

*Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. [52] And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. [53] And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.*

We see here that David ran towards Goliath. This is audacity. The focus is not on David, but the continuation of his days. The reason Israel could face the Philistines was because of David. Goliath can be seen as the devil. David being a type of Christ has defeated the enemy. We are no longer fighting Goliath, but pursuing, the philistine and dividing the spoil. We need to be daring. It was said of Judah that his hands was upon the heads of his enemies (Gen 49:8). We must be bold and courageous. We must be zealous for good works. There is a supernatural element accrued to you now. Use it! Be bold. Lastly, it was said of Samson, that he killed more people in his death than when he was alive. This means the Lord is interested

in doing mighty things through you, even more than when Jesus was alive physically. Do not lose your zeal!