

"YOUR WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE"

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 6:1-12

TEXT: VERSE 10

INTRO:

I. THE WORK OF GOD VS. 6a

"GOD IS NOT UNRIGHTEOUS TO FORGET YOUR WORK AND LABOUR OF LOVE"

NOTE: GOD DOES A WORK IN US AT SALVATION AND ETERNALLY REMEMBERS THE WORK WE DO FOR HIM...PHILIPPIANS 1:3

CONSIDER THE WORK OF GOD TOWARD US

- A. God SAVES US by His Work of Salvation, not by our Personal Works
 - 1. Titus 3:5
 - 2. Ephesians 2:8,9
- B. God CHOOSES Work (Ministry) for Us to Perform in Eternity Past
 - 1. Ephesians 2:10
 - 2. John 15:16
- C. God EQUIPS US to do Work (Ministry) for Him -Spiritual Gifts
 - 1. 1 Peter 4:10
 - 2. Ephesians 4:7,8
- D. God REMEMBERS OUR Work for Him Eternally
 - 1. Through Blessing on Earth
 - James 1:25
 - 2. Through Reward in Heaven
 - a. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15
 - b. Revelation 4:10,11

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE WORK OF THE BELIEVER VS 6b

- A. The Description of the Believer's Work

"WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE"

NOTE: THIS IS A REFERENCE TO THE PERSONAL MINISTRY OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST OUT OF A DEEP LOVE FOR GOD.

- 1. These Works are a Proof of our Salvation - James 2:14-17
- 2. These Works are Motivated by Our Love for God - John 21:15-17

NOTE: LOVING THE LORD IS THE KEY TO WORKING FOR THE LORD

- a. Loving God is Keeping His Commandments - John 14:15
- b. Loving God Keeps the Commandment to Serve God - 1 Chronicles 28:9
- B. The Demonstration of the Believer's Work

- 1. "Toward His Name"

NOTE: THE BELIEVER'S WORK ALWAYS STARTS WITH GOD FIRST

- a. It is First
- b. It is Foremost
- c. It is Focused
- 2. "Toward the Saints"
- 1 Peter 4:10

QUESTION: HOW DO BELIEVERS MINISTER TO THE SAINTS?

- 1) The Work of Prayer
- 2) The Work of Encouragement
- 3) The Work of Teaching
- 4) The Work of Discipleship
- 5) The Work of Kindness

C. The Duration of the Believer's Work

"AND DO MINISTER"

1. Work for the Lord out of Love Does not Quit
2. Work for the Lord follows the Apostle Paul's Example
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:8-11
 - b. 2 Timothy 4:7.8

ILLUSTRATION:

REVIEW

- 1) God has Chosen each believer to Work for Him
- 2) God has Equipped each believer to Work for Him
- 3) God Expects each believer to Work for Him
- 4) God is Glorified when each believer Works for Him
- 5) God Blesses each believer who Works for Him
- 6) God Rewards each believer who Works for Him

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

CONCLUSION/LESSON

In our **LABOR FOR GOD**, our concern should **NOT** be to try to "WHIP UP" more things to do...**BUT TO LOVE GOD MORE! THEN our WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE will be all that GOD WANTS IT TO BE FOR HIS GLORY!**