Your Faith – Your Work Working For Christ

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God Cares About You:
- He Cares About What You Are Up To
- He Has A Plan For You
  - Where You Work
  - What You Do
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John 6:27 (NIV) "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.""

- Too Many People Spend Their Lives Working For Food That Spoils
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(Luke 12:16-20 NIV) "And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop."(17) "He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'" (18) "'Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'" (19) "And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"" (20) "'But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"
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Many people continue to build bigger barns, never stopping to realize that God has blessed them financially so that they can support the Kingdom of God out of the abundance of that blessing.

4 Things To Labor For:

1. Labor To Please God

2 Cor 5:9 (NIV) "So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it."

Psa 40:8 (NIV) "I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
Labor To Please God:

Attitude Does Matter

Eph 6:7 (NIV) "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,“

- We Don’t Serve Him In Order To Be Saved -- We Serve Because We Are Saved
Labor To Please God:

Our Great Example Of The Labor Of Love: Jesus Christ

John 4:34 (NIV) ""My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

John 17:4 (NIV) "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do."

- Do Not Pray Only That God Would Work For You--Pray Also That You Could Work For God.
Labor To Build Up The Body Of Christ:

The Purpose Of The 5 Fold Gifts:

(Eph 4:11-13 NIV) "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers," (12) "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (13) "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
Labor To Build Up The Body Of Christ:

We All Have A Part To Play

Heb 10:24 (NIV) "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
Labor To Build Up
The Body Of Christ:

We Must Follow The Example Of Epaphras:

Col 4:12 (NIV)  "Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured."
Labor For Eternal Rewards

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Acts 20:24 (NIV) "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."
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We Are Laboring To Receive An Eternal Reward

Mat 10:42 (NIV) "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Col 3:24 (NIV) "since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
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Our Rewards Are Based On Our Own Labor

1 Cor 3:8 (NIV)  "The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor."

Luke 12:48 (NIV)  "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."
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In Eternity The Question Will Not Be How Much Do You Have? But, How Much Have You Given?

1 Cor 15:58 (NIV) "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
Labor To Win Souls

(Mat 9:37-38NIV) "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." (38) "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.""
1 Cor 9:19 (NIV) "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible." (20) "To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law."

- “Whatever It Takes -- I'm Going To Set My Heart On Winning Souls”
- "I'm Going To Labor To Be A Soul Winner!!"
Labor To Win Souls

Prov 11:30 ... he who wins souls is wise.

- We Labor To Win Souls
- It Is An Act Of Obedience To Christ
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We Shine Our Light To Bring Praise To The Father

Mat 5:16 (NIV) "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
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We Must Have The Inner Burning Desire To Win Souls

- Salvation Is The Foundation That The Church Is Built On

(John 3:16-18 NIV) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son"
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- It's Possible To Have A Problem And Not Know It
- A Lot Of People Say They Are Fine When They Are Not
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The Main Problems In Our World Today Are Not Economic, Educational, Or Political They Are Problems Of The Heart.

- Until The Human Heart Is Corrected The Troubles Of Civilization Cannot Be Corrected

- The Need Is Not Rehabilitation Or Reeducation... It Is Rebirth!
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Salvation Has 3 Basic Meanings:
1) The Process Or State Of Being Saved
2) A Person Or Thing That Delivers From Evil Danger Or Ruin
3) Deliverance From Sin And It's Penalty
A.B.C.'S OF SALVATION

A - ADMIT YOU HAVE SINNED
B - BELIEVE IN JESUS
C - CONFESS AND LEAVE YOUR SIN BEHIND

(Eph 2:8-9 NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- (9) not by works, so that no one can boast.
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Jesus Willingly Laid Down His Life For Us So That Through Him We Could Have The Gift Of Eternal Life

- This Is The Good News That Peter And John Said They Could Not Keep This To Themselves

(Acts 4:20 NIV) For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."
Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV) (13) For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." (14) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

- Whatever It Takes We Set Our Hearts On Winning Souls
- We Labor To Be Soul Winners!!