

Doing Good!

“If you love me, **keep my commands.**” - John 14:15 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.¹⁸ Command them to **do good**, to **be rich in good deeds**, and to be generous and willing to share.¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may **take hold of the life that is truly life.** - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

- “God Has Blessed Me With **MORE** Than I **NEED**—I’m **RICH!**

I Will Not Trust In **RICHES**, But In **GOD** Who Richly **PROVIDES!**

Because I **HAVE** More, I Will **GIVE** More
& _____ More!”

- We’re Not Saved _____ Good Works, But _____ Good Works.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ **not by works**, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

MY GOOD DEEDS SHOULD...

1. Point To _____, Not _____!

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, that they may **see your good deeds** and **glorify your Father in heaven.**” - Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

2. Help Others In The Way They _____ It, Not In The Way I Want

To _____ It!

“Then Jesus went around **doing good** and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for God was with him.” - Acts 10:38 (NLT)

3. Glorify God _____ His _____!

And let us consider how we may **spur one another on toward love and good deeds**,²⁵ not giving up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another. - Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Share a time when you did a good deed for someone. Did you get the glory or did God get the glory for your actions?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10 together. Discuss the difference between being saved by good works and being saved for good works. What do you think about God preparing something for you in advance?
- Read Matthew 5:14-16 together. Discuss the significance of being the light of the world as a Christian.
- What in your life needs to change in order for you to be able to rich in good deeds?
- What did God speak to you in this message? Share it with your group.
- How can you begin to pray this week for God to help you to: not be poor in good deeds, but to be rich in good deeds? Pray for one another.