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Love And Do Good

Selected Scriptures

Activate Series

Life Change: We love and do good.

Why are we even able to truly love?

We love by the empowerment of Jesus.

1 John 4:7-11

Love comes from the nature of God.

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True love is initiated by Triune God.

Love changes lives.

How is it possible to do truly good deeds?

We do good by the empowerment of Jesus.

Doing good flows from the nature of God.

James 1:17

Good works are inspired by God’s wisdom.

James 3:13

Good deeds change lives.

What we should specifically be doing:

Accept the new birth from Christ.

Stop loving/doing good for your glory.

Stop defining love & good works for others.

Quit trying to activate from fear.

In God’s grace, freely give yourself.

Keep it up to the end of this age.



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WHY?



How can the unloving love the unlovable?



courtesy TX DPS

Why are we even able to truly love?

- 1. Humans aren't. Love is a pretense/merely chemical/unnecessary.**
- 2. We are able, but what we call love is about getting what I want. True love is persistence in selfishness. Any benefit to others is coincidental.**

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Greek: αγαπη agape = self-sacrificial, other-centered
choices

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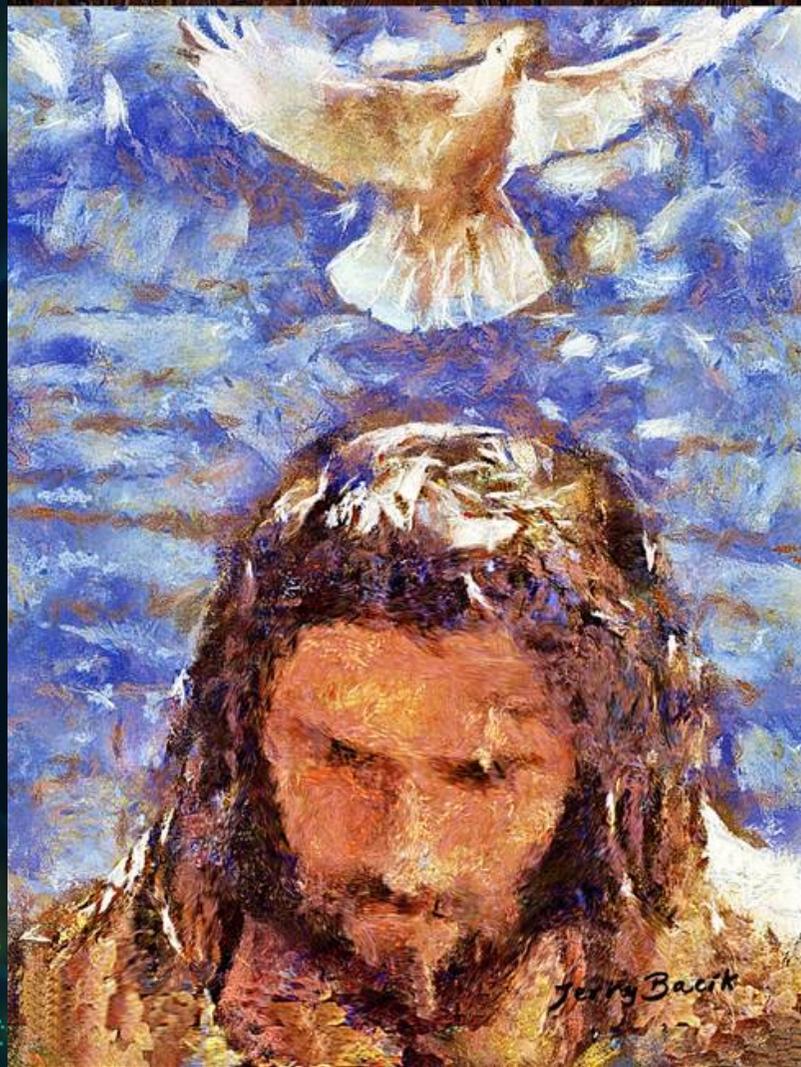
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Baptism of Jesus
Jerry Batchik
2019



courtesy Semma Gallery

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Revelation 3

**20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice
and opens the door,
I will come in to him
and eat with him,
and he with me. ^{ESV}**



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Hebrews 10

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courtesy hope1032

making love complicated

- **Love can only be expressed in one of 5 love languages.**
- **You must show all love in the other person's preferred language.**
- **60 expressions are currently forbidden...wait, make that 61 and counting.**
- **If you mess up, you will be publicly shamed.**

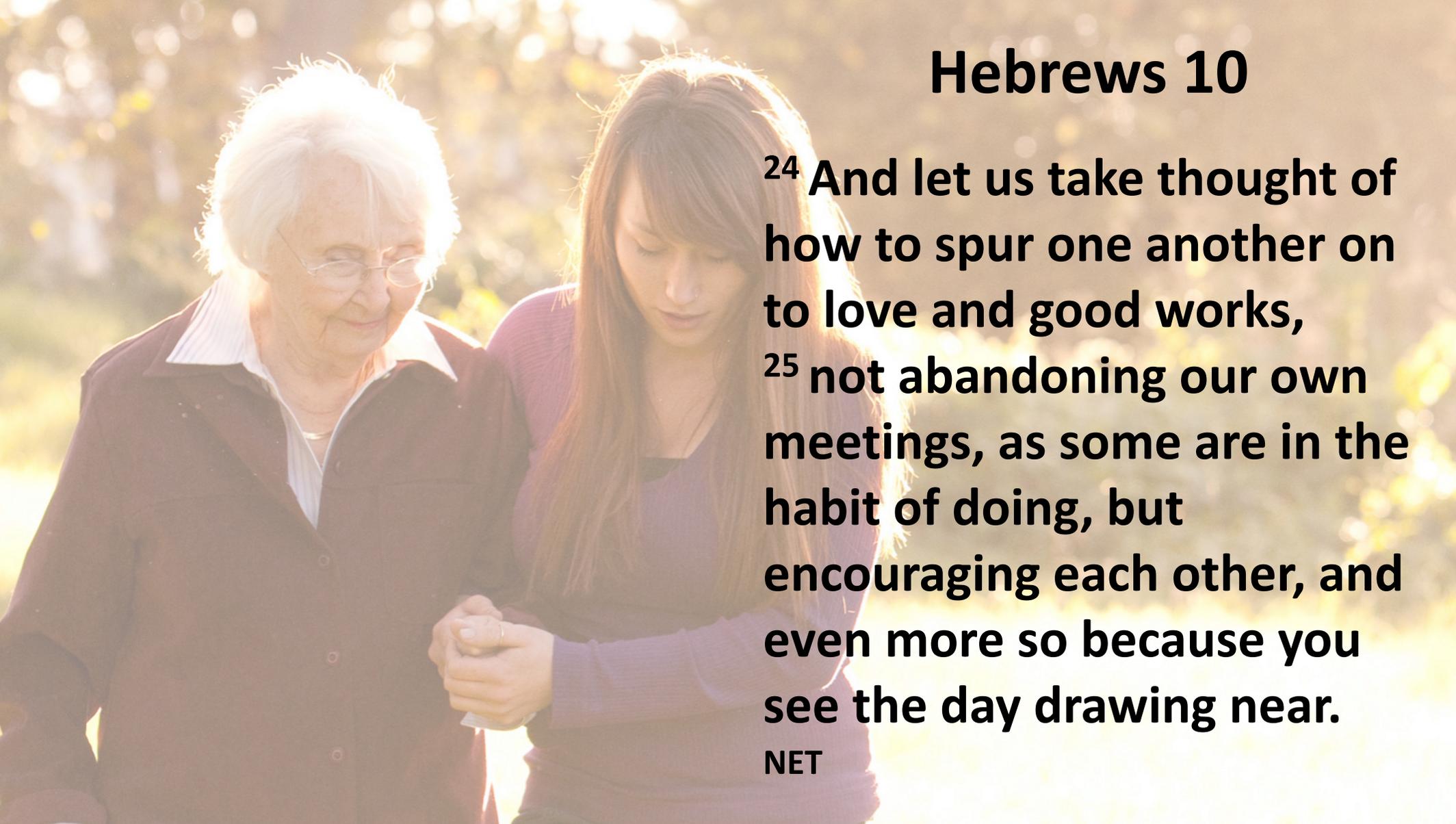
**Love is easier than one-two-three
We don't have to overcomplicate it
Because He first loved you
Because He first loved me
God is hope, God is peace
God is love, and that's all we need**

**– Chad Mattson, Chris Stevens,
Jeff Pardo, & Jon Lowry,
“Love is everything we need”**



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²⁵ not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near.**

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**How is it possible that
the bad can do good
to the equally bad?**



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BEHAVE

THE BIOLOGY
of HUMANS *at* OUR
BEST *and* WORST



ROBERT M.
SAPOLSKY



courtesy Penguin

Sapolsky's surmises

- All actions and emotions are attributable to brain chemistry only.
- We evolved to support our identified social group only, not the greater species. However large one's social group, a work truly good for all people is impossible.
- Humans, like other primates, can be easily manipulated into discriminatory behavior and violence.
- Good deeds are anomalous behaviors that are very hard to engender and shaky in merit.
- Therefore, the future doesn't bode well for humans.

Hebrews 10

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works...²⁵ all the more as you see the day approaching. ^{CSB}



Greek: καλός ἔργον kalos ergon

kalos = from Sanskrit *kalja*, “winsome because of inherent integrity”

ergon = work or deeds (root of ergonomic)

Every Christian should be *kalos*; every activity of his life should be *kalos*...There should be in the life of the Christian not only a goodness, but also a loveliness, which will make all men who see it desire the secret which is his. Latin translates this word *kalos* by the word *honestus*; and Tacitus describes the quality in *honestus* as 'that quality which makes a person worthy of praise, even if you strip him of everything else' [Histories 4.5]. In anything that is *kalos* or *honestus* there is an innate and indestructible loveliness and attraction. – William Barclay, *New Testament Words*

Sapolsky's surmises

Sapolsky: good works are anomalous & shaky in merit.

Sapolsky: truly good deeds are impossible.

Sapolsky: humanity's future is dark.

God's statements

God: there is such a thing as an inherently good work.

God: commands us to spur love and good deeds.

God: a perfect day for humans is approaching.

Hebrews 10

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus—²⁰ he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)—²¹ and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

Hebrews 10

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James 1

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

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2 Corinthians 9

**⁸ And God is able to make
every grace overflow to you,
so that in every way,
always having everything you need,
you may excel
in every good work. ^{CSB}**

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Christians walking in step with the Spirit are compelled by an unshakeable desire to enrich the lives of others. – David Wade

God is love and He gives good and perfect gifts. Thus, the work of the beloved is to do good. – Lacyn Ward

James 3

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Dr. Horvath served as a Navy medical officer in Vietnam. But he left private practice in 2004, re-enlisting as an Army surgeon.

“I am going to try and save my neighbor’s kid, no matter who that neighbor is.”



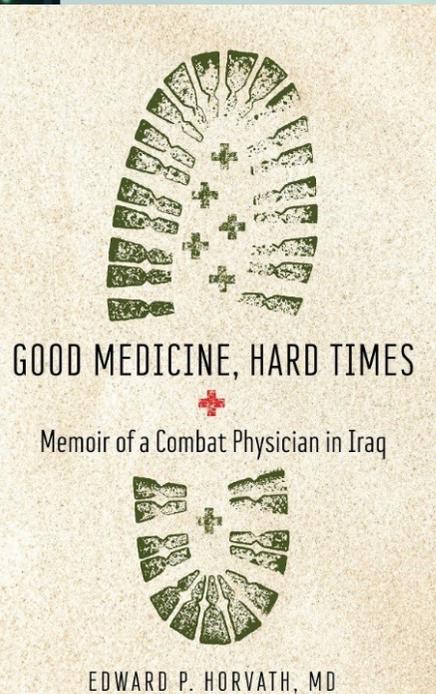
Samuel Sweeney summary: Seeing him in combat uniform, a Delta ticket agent mentioned that her son had suffered a ruptured spleen in Iraq. “No one knew the extent of his injuries,” she said, “until an older doctor examined him and sent him for emergency surgery.” After asking her a few questions, Dr. Horvath realized that he was the doctor she was talking about.



For a brief moment, she looked at me in astonishment—then she darted from behind the counter, embraced me like she'd never let go, and began to cry. At that

moment, all the hardship, privation, separation, danger, and fear I'd experienced became worthwhile. At least on that one fateful day in Iraq, I accomplished what I'd set out to do—caring for the neighbor's kid.

– Edward P. Horvath,
Good Medicine, Hard Times



The Christian is called to love and do good deeds; in fact, Hebrews 10 commands believers to motivate the brethren to perform each. When we do so, God is glorified, the church is edified, and non-believers are magnetized (attracted to the Lord).



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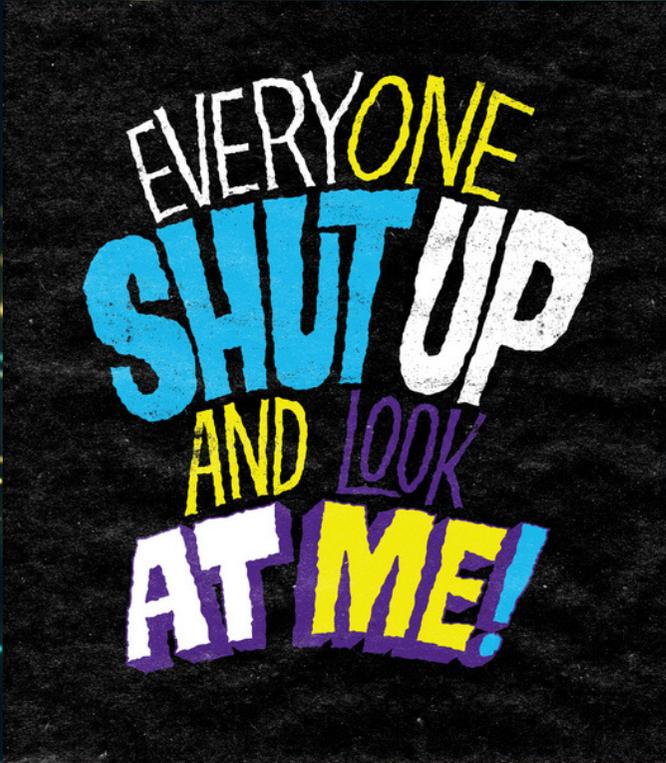
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EVERYONE
SHUT UP
AND LOOK
AT ME!

Matthew 5

**¹⁶ Let your light shine
before others, so that
they may see your good
works and give glory to
your Father in heaven.**

CSB





courtesy Christian dating tips – I'm serious! You can't make this stuff up!

**Stop defining love and good works for others.
We must maintain room for various emphases in
how Christians live out God's commands. There is
one correct interpretation of any scripture, but
always manifold applications.**



courtesy camprclick



courtesy Antioch Herald



**You must
do it MY
way!**

courtesy Capitol

Romans 14

⁵ One person judges one day to be more important than another day. Someone else judges every day to be the same. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ Whoever observes the day, observes it for the honor of the Lord. Whoever eats, eats for the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; and whoever does not eat, it is for the Lord that he does not eat it, and he gives thanks to God. ^{CSB}

To: FBC Staff

From: Exec Pastor Jeremy Mikeska

Often, I think I have loved others perfectly. I have been nice, I have given. Yet, when I evaluate, I find fear motivating those “acts of love.” I fear rejection, so I do something “nice” so I might be liked. I fear being hurt, so I hold back from loving others.

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Ouch! I have work to do. I must constantly recognize that my ability to love is only what verse 19 says – “because he first loved [me].” He has activated my ability to love and commanded me to do so without fear. It isn’t a suggestion.

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Matthew 10

**⁸ Freely you
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freely give.**

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While waiting in line at the store, I got into a chat with the family in front of me – an 11-year-old boy and his mom. His name was Eli. I learned that he loves baseball, is in 6th grade, and goes to church across town every Sunday. He even told me his favorite kind of candy. I told him mine. When the cashier finished scanning my items and I had paid, she said, “And these are for you.” She then handed me a bag of candy. Using his own money, Eli had secretly purchased a bag of my favorite and left it for me at the counter.

James 4

**¹⁷ Remember, it is sin
to know what you
ought to do and then
not do it. ^{NLT}**

Galatians 6

⁹ Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. ^{CSB}

You may lose many friends through the years. But even if every one of them abandons you, Jesus remains. He remains your truest and best friend...With that kind of hope for our eternal tomorrow, how then should we live today? [The Puritan] Thomas Goodwin put it best: “You [have] entered into a covenant of friendship with God, make something of it.” In other words, enjoy the privilege of walking every step, every day, with [Him].

– Drew Hunter, *Made For Friendship*

This book is available for order through the FBC Book Nook.

A central globe of the Earth is shown with a glowing green network of lines and nodes overlaid on it. The globe is surrounded by a dense field of glowing green and yellow particles, some of which are arranged in a circular pattern around the globe. The background is dark blue with a subtle grid pattern.

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