

# Working it Out

## Elephant in the Room part-3

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### ***WHY do we live our lives so focused on WORKS?***

1. WE ARE TRAINED TO THINK THIS WAY.
2. ACCOMPLISHMENT IS EMBEDED IN OUR DNA.
3. SATAN HAS SOLD US THE LIE.

### **What works CANNOT do:**

1. I CANNOT EARN MY SALVATION BY WORKING FOR IT.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV)*

2. WORKS CANNOT MAKE ME RIGHTEOUS IN THE EYES OF GOD.

*"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20, ESV)*

*"We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind." (Isaiah 64:6: NLT)*

3. WORKS CANNOT GIVE ME A SENSE OF PURPOSE.

*"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins, in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience..." (Ephesians 2:1-2. ESV)*

## What are WORKS:

### 1. WORKS ARE THE OUTCOME OF MY SALVATION.

*"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." (James 2:18; ESV)*

### 2. WORKS ARE LIFE PRODUCING.

*"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14; NIV)*

### 3. WORKS ARE THE WAY TO HELP ME FULFILL MY PURPOSE.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16; ESV)*

### 4. WORKS SHOW THE WORLD WHO I BELONG TO.

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-35; NLT)*

*"As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?'" (Acts 8:36; NLT)*

### Action Steps:

- Salvation
- Baptism