

Walking in the Will of God pt. 4

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- I. The true family of God is revealed and known by doing the will of God from a true heart, which results in a life of good works.

Matthew 12:46-50 (NLT)

“As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 47 Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, and they want to speak to you.” 48 Jesus asked, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” 49 Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers. 50 Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”

A. There are also people who declare they know God, even attend church, but their works and lifestyle denies their claims of knowing Him.

Titus 1:16 (NKJV)

“They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”

1. Doing your own good works, membership or confirmation in a church or a religion, being born in or raised in a Christian family cannot gain or bring you entrance into the family of God.

But the one, who has been saved, born again, and in the family of God, is considered a true member of the family as he or she is consistently obedient to and doing God’s will.”
The Word of declares that doing the will of God is also tied into, “doing good works.”

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

2. Salvation is not the result of our good works but good works, doing the will of God, are the result, the evidence, and proof of our salvation, as well as our obedience and love for Jesus.”

II. Therefore, good works are a genuine representation of a son and daughter of God.

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

A. Jesus’ declaration of His own works.

John 10:37-38 (NKJV)

“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

The outward works of Jesus gave evidence and proof of an inner connection, love relationship, and obedience to, and with, His Heavenly Father.

John 14:10-12 (NKJV)

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. 12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

1. The same way Jesus did His works, are the same way we do His works, these works are called “good works.”

Philippians 2:12-16 (NKJV)

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

2. “Shine as lights in this world”, what does that statement indicate?

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

III. Good works are not just miracles, healings, and supernatural manifestations but also good deeds to serve and bless others. (see **Acts 9:36, 39 (NKJV)**)

Good works are the good things we do to be a blessing to others, praying for others and one another, it is manifested in marriage, as husband and wife, loving and serving one another, good works represent the honor given by children through obedience to parents or a parent, being good employees or employers, doing good works in our church by serving and giving, by sharing the good news of Jesus or inviting people to come to church.

A. Doing good works must also be in alignment with an obedient lifestyle that brings honor and glory to the Father and Jesus. An obedient lifestyle emerges from a heart of love for my Heavenly Father, His Word, and His Will.

1. Good works and sinful lifestyles are like trying to mix oil with water, they don't mix, and the results can be destructive.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your

name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

James 3:13-18 (NLT)

"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. 15 For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. 16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. 18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

2. Conduct, conversation, humility, love, obedience, serving, giving, and being Kingdom minded with good works are the visible identification signs to everyone, believers and unbelievers that we are true children of God. Remember "WHO YOU ARE!!!"

1 Peter 2:9-12 (NKJV)

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation ("chaste, pure. Its fundamental idea is separation, consecration, devotion to the service of God, sharing in God's purity and abstaining from earth's defilement") His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."