

PLEASE GOD IN GOOD WORK AND KNOWING HIM MORE

Part 2

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-11

COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

Their Faith in Christ

³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

Preeminence of Christ

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

1^o that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

**11 strengthened with all might,
according to His glorious power,
for all patience and longsuffering
with joy; 12 giving thanks to the
Father who has qualified us to be
partakers of the inheritance of
the saints in the light.**

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 (NKJV)

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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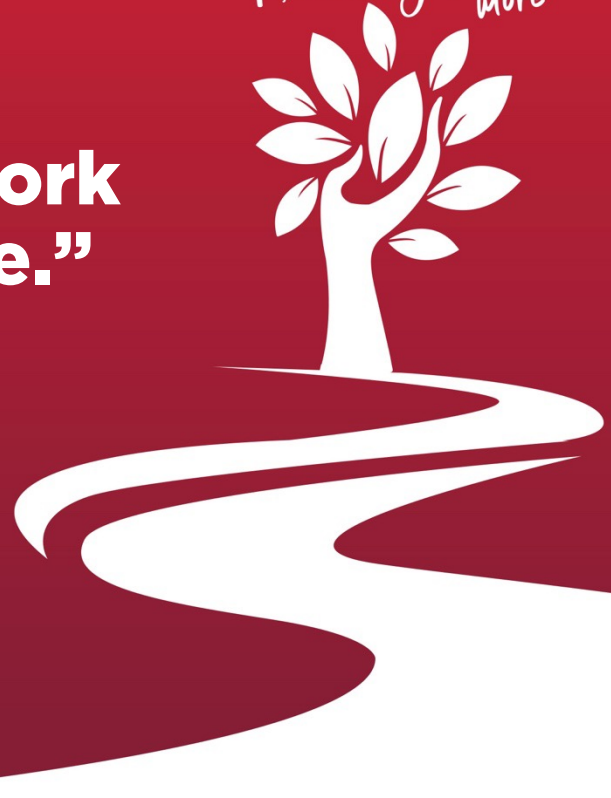


Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- Theme for 2025 is
“Pleasing God in good work
and in knowing Him more.”

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COLOSSIANS 1:10 (NKJV)

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- **Christianity is relational:**
 - **between God the Father and we, His children**
- **As a believer we want to live to please God.**

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JOHN 1:12 (NKJV)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- **Walk worthy of being children of God.**
- **We should aim at fully pleasing God.**

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Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- **Fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

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Introduction

b) Good work

- Good means of good constitution or nature, useful and pleasant.
- Work means a deed or thing done.



Introduction

b) Good work

- “good work” used in Colossians 1:10, also used in:
 - Ephesians 2:10
 - Matthew 5:16
 - John 14:10-14
- These verses carry the same root meaning.

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Road Map

- 1) Good works can never save us
- 2) Good works that we are to do
- 3) Good works that glorify God

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(1)
Good works
can never save us

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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1) Good works can never save us

**Not created by Christ
in good works.**

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1) Good works can never save us

**Good works
cannot save anyone.**

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ 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.

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1) Good works can never save us

**Salvation in Christ
is not by works but by grace;
unmerited favour.**

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1) Good works can never save us

**Salvation is a gift
from God to be received
by faith.**

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1) Good works can never save us

**We are created in
Christ for good works.**

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NKJV)

**For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand that we should walk
in them.**

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(2)
**Good works
that we are to do**

(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did



JOHN 14:12-14 (NKJV)

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. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

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(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

- **read the four gospels in the bible and list down all the things that Jesus did.**
- **Jesus said that greater works than what He did will be done by us, His disciples.**
- **in greater measure**



JOHN 14:12b-13 (NKJV)

... greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

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(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

- **We can do greater works because we have the help of Jesus in heaven, accessible to us by prayer.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

- **As a CP church we are always going about doing good works.**
- **Following the example set by Jesus.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

- **Peter said of Jesus recorded in Acts 10:34-43.**



ACTS 10:38 (NKJV)

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

Work speaks of the doer

- **Jesus spoke the words of truth**
- **He also did good works**



(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

Work speaks of the doer

- **If you do not believe in what I say, then you must believe me for the works that I do.**

“My works speak of who I am.”



JOHN 14:10-11 (NKJV)

10 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.**

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(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

Work speaks of the doer

- **The works of Jesus spoke of the person of Jesus.**



MATTHEW 11:2-6 (NKJV)

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples **3** and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

4 Jesus answered and said to them, “**Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:**

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MATTHEW 11:2-6 (NKJV)

5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

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(2) Good works that we are to do

a) Do the works that Jesus did

Work speaks of the doer

- **in our Community Pastoring, remember that our good works, our deeds of kindness, can speak louder than our words.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion



ISAIAH 61:1-3 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

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ISAIAH 61:1-3 (NKJV)

**2 To proclaim the acceptable year
of the Lord, and the day of
vengeance of our God; to comfort
all who mourn,**

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ISAIAH 61:1-3 (NKJV)

3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

- **Jesus was anointed by God to do works of compassion.**
- **Works of compassion because compassion is needed to sustain such work.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God



MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NKJV)

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

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MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NKJV)

33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, '**Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

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MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NKJV)

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

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MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NKJV)

37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? **38** When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

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MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NKJV)

**39 Or when did we see You sick,
or in prison, and come to You?’**

**40 And the King will answer and say
to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you,
inasmuch as you did it to one of the
least of these My brethren, you
did it to Me.’**

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God

- **not complicated**
- **We can relate to them in modern life.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God

- **What so demanding about giving a glass of water to someone thirsty?**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God

- **In essence, compassion ministries are simply acts of kindness.**
- **CP works comprise mainly of acts of kindness.**



MATTHEW 25:40 (NKJV)

40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God

- **As we do all these good works, we do them to the Lord.**
- **If and when the residents respond to you with hostility**
- **Jesus view the hostility as against Him.**



ACTS 9:3-5 (NKJV)

3 As he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?**”

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ACTS 9:3-5 (NKJV)

5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.** It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(b) Work of love and compassion

Works commended by God

- **The hardest part of doing CP work is to face rejection.**



LUKE 10:16 (NKJV)

**He who hears you hears Me,
he who rejects you rejects Me,
and he who rejects Me rejects Him
who sent Me.**

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Jesus preached the gospel

- **He was anointed to preach the gospel especially to the poor.**



ISAIAH 61:1 (NKJV)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings (good news, the gospel of good tidings) to the poor;

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MATTHEW 11:4-5 (NKJV)

4 Jesus answered and said to them, “**Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:** **5** The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up **and the poor have the gospel preached to them.**”

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Jesus preached the gospel

- **There is a special anointing to preach to the poor. God has a soft spot for the poor.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Jesus preached the gospel

- **In our CP work we also focus on the poorer segment of our society. They are the under-reached.**



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2025: The year of the uncomfortable church

Pastor Edric Sng // December 31, 2024, 11:09 am

The typical church in Singapore is majority Chinese-race, English-educated, and middle-class. The statistics bear this out: The typical Christian is almost twice as likely to live in a 5-Room HDB flat or larger than the national average, and more likely to hold a university degree; the truth is, we are too homogeneous.



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ALL IN
SUMMIT 2025

(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

**# Preaching is work
commissioned by God.**



MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NKJV)

**20 teaching them to observe all things
that I have commanded you; and lo, I
am with you always, even to the end
of the age.” Amen.**

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MARK 16:15-16 (NKJV)

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Preaching is work commissioned by God.

- **Preaching the gospel in Singapore and overseas are part of good works that God has prepared for us to do.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- We are invited by God to work with Him**



MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NKJV)

28 Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **imagery of a yoke to teach us about His partnership with us in work.**
- **about burden carrying.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **Most Christians prefer the narrative of the house visit of Jesus with Martha and Mary recorded in Luke 10:38-42.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **fail to appreciate the context of the visit and break in the midst of good works.**



(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **not to argue about whether to follow Mary or Martha**
- **follow example of Jesus and His disciples in Mark 6:31**



MARK 6:31 (NKJV)

31 And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and **they did not even have time to eat.**

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **Jesus works with us**



MATTHEW 28:18-20 (NKJV)

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20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

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(2) Good works that we are to do

(c) Work of preaching the gospel

Work in partnership with Christ:

- **He is with them that serves.**



LUKE 22:27 (NKJV)

For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

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(3)
**Good works
that glorify God**

(3) Good works that glorify God

That they may see your good works



MATTHEW 5:14-16 (NKJV)

14 “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.

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(3) Good works that glorify God

That they may see your good works

- **We do a lot of deeds of kindness openly in our Community Pastoring work.**
- **We point people to God. We seek to glorify God in heaven.**



(3) Good works that glorify God

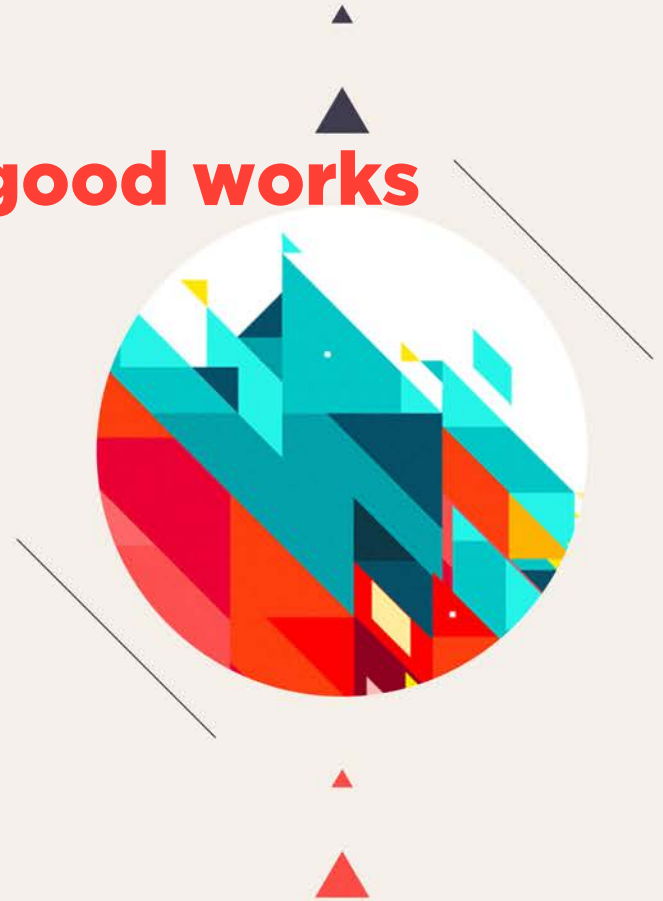
That they may see your good works

- **Accused by Christians of deceiving people with our gifts.**
- **Accused by Christians of doing something illegal. They say it is wrong to go door to door .**



(3) Good works that glorify God

Charitable deeds and good works



MATTHEW 6:1-4 (NKJV)

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in heaven. .

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MATTHEW 6:1-4 (NKJV)

2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

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MATTHEW 6:1-4 (NKJV)

³ But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

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(3) Good works that glorify God

Charitable deeds and good works

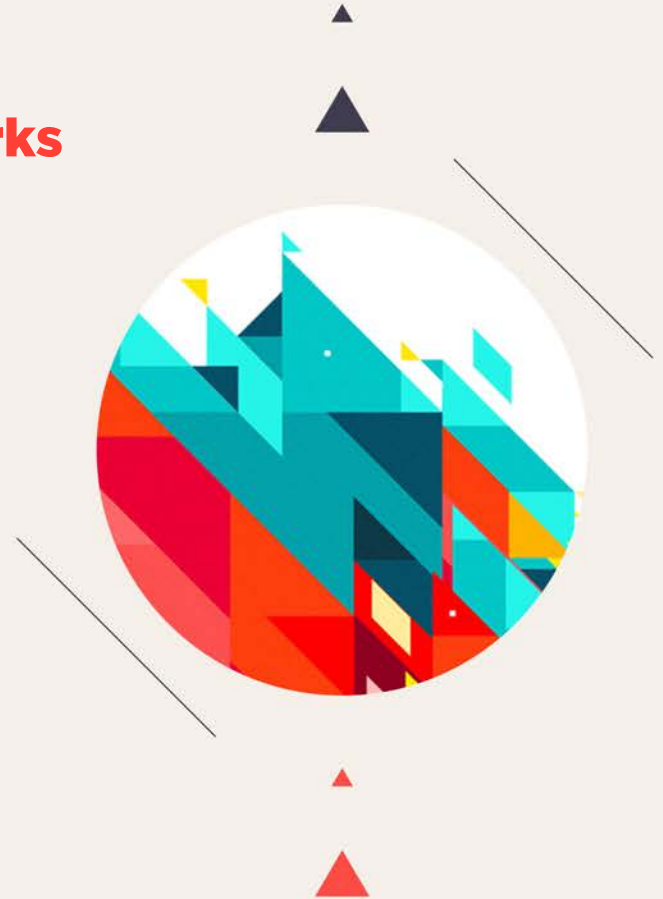
- **Charitable deeds are related to religious practice of giving alms.**
- **Do not do such charitable deeds before men to be seen by them.**



(3) Good works that glorify God

Charitable deeds and good works

- **for self-glory**
- **for God's glory**



Conclusion

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COLOSSIANS 1:10 (NKJV)

that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

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Conclusion

- **our outward lives and the good work we do, bring glory to the Lord.**
- **God is pleased when we bear genuine fruits of good works.**

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