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*"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5*

## MAINTAINING GOOD WORKS

By Pastor Steve Owens



**"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." Titus 3:8**

Here is a profitable passage that ought to be highlighted, underlined and posted in every conspicuous location, **"...be careful to maintain good works."** Titus 3:8

The Apostle Paul writes to Titus and gives him a very clear directive. "Titus, you need to continually tell your people about their responsibility to live lives filled with good works."

You would think that after a person gets saved, doing good works would be automatic. That seems like common sense.

Christians should be known for their good works. But if it's common sense, why would Paul need to tell Titus to constantly affirm this message? Apparently, living a life of good works is *not* automatic for Christians. We have to be reminded all the time!

Even a simple reading of the passage will show you how strongly Paul believed in "good works." He said, this is a faithful saying, this is a good thing, this is a profitable thing. He said, "Titus, preach it all the time!"

As you study the book of Titus, you will see the theme emphasized over and over again. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:16

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### JUNE BIBLE MEMORY



*"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 8:38-39**



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Paul was very blunt in verse 16. Here were saved people who declared to know God. They said, "God is my heavenly Father. I have a relationship with Him." But the problem was you couldn't tell it by their works. They said one thing but lived another. Their works didn't back up their talk. Their works denied God. They acted like they didn't even know God!

When it came to their good works, Paul said they were *abominable*. (Titus 1:16) That's a strong word. He literally meant that their works were disgusting and detestable! He went on to describe them as disobedient and reprobate. Paul was saying, "You claim to know God and yet you live an appalling life!"

If you have ever watched the popular game show *Family Feud*, you may be familiar with the host. Comedian Steve Harvey claims to be a church-going, God-fearing person. Maybe he is, but you sure wouldn't know by his language, antics or vulgar comments.

That's what this passage is talking about. If you are going to profess that you are a believer, prove it with your life.

Based on Paul's instructions in Titus, let's learn some vital lessons about the maintenance of good works and see clear examples of specific things we can do in our own lives.

## THREE LESSONS ON GOOD WORKS

1. **Good works are for those who have already believed.** *"...they which have believed in God."* Titus 3:8

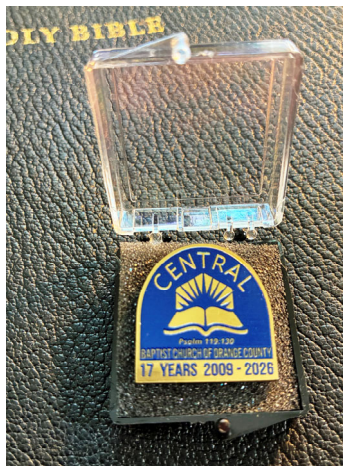
Paul directs good works to believers. If you are reading these words and you have never been born-again, good works will not save you. In Titus 3:5 Paul says, *"NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..."* Good works don't produce faith; faith produces good works. We maintain good works because we have already believed, not to become believers.

2. **Good works must be maintained with diligence.** *"...be careful to maintain good works."* Titus 3:8

The phrase implies thoughtful, ongoing attention. Paul repeats this in 3:14: *"let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary causes."* Like road maintenance, they require constant upkeep, not a one-time effort. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14

3. **Good works are good and profitable for others.**

*"These things are good and profitable for men."* Titus 3:8. Throughout the book our Christian testimony is at stake. In 2:7-8, good works stop critics; in 3:1-2 they promote peace



ABOVE: Anniversary Commemorative Pin; Lisa keeps a close eye on baby Luke!

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## Weekly Topics of Bible Study

Every church service opens a new truth from God's word - miss one, and you miss something God has for you. Topics of study are chosen to give you a well-rounded diet.

**"Old Testament Survey"**  
Adult Sunday School - 9 AM

**"Relevant Preaching for Today"**  
Sunday Mornings - 10AM

**"The Book of Acts"**  
Sunday Evenings - 5PM

**"Biblical Discipleship"**  
Thursday Evenings - 7PM

If circumstances beyond your control hinder your attendance, you can watch services online and stay informed. All services are live and recorded.



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with all men. The benefit isn't just spiritual, it's practical help for people in real need, as 3:14 says: "that they be not unfruitful."

## EXAMPLES OF GOOD WORKS

### 1. Good Works in the Home

*"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."* Titus 2:3-5

**Good works listed:** Loving spouse and children, discretion, purity, managing the home, goodness, obedient to their own husbands.

### 2. Good Works in the Church

*"The aged women likewise...teachers of good things... 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Titus 2:3,7.*

**Good works listed:** Teaching sound doctrine, being an example, integrity, seriousness, sincerity.

### 3. Good Works In Society

*"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."* Titus 3:1-2.

**Good works listed:** Submission to authority, obedience to law, readiness to help, controlled speech, peaceableness, gentleness, meekness to all.

### 4. Good Works in Daily Work

*"Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; 10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."* Titus 2:9-10

**Good works listed:** Obedience at work, honesty, full trustworthiness.

### 5. Good Works in Practical Things

*"And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful."* Titus 3:14

**Good works listed:** Meeting urgent needs, providing for others, staying fruitful vs. idle.

### 6. Good Works Exemplified by Christ

Paul used the authority and example of the Lord Jesus Christ to summarize these categories. Christ "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. In summary, believers are called to maintain good works as the natural, necessary outflow of faith in God's grace proving our devotion to Christ by meeting the



Above: Mike and Vicky are getting close to their BIG day - details on page 4!

needs of others!

### CBCOC MISSIONARIES

1. Dempsey (Missions Evangelist)
2. Duke (Mexico)
3. Goddard (Trinidad/Tobago)
4. Hearn (Nepal)
5. Hoffman (Belgium)
6. Hoffmeister (Ecuador)
7. Jackson (Japan)
8. Johnson (Wings BPS)
9. Lawson (Brazil)
10. Marco (Philippines)
11. Meach (Cambodia)
12. Mislán (Philippines)
13. Morgan (Japan)
14. Navarro (Philippines)
15. Qallo (Fiji)
16. Robinette (India)
17. Robinson (Zambia)
18. Rue (Ukraine)
19. Russell (Papua, New Guinea)
20. Tremblay (Thailand/China)
21. Veldhuis (Cocopah Indians)
22. Wells (Papua New Guinea)

### How Can you Support our Missionaries?

**1. ATTEND:** Women can be a part of Phebe's Fellowship on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. This group is vital in the prayer and support of our missionaries.

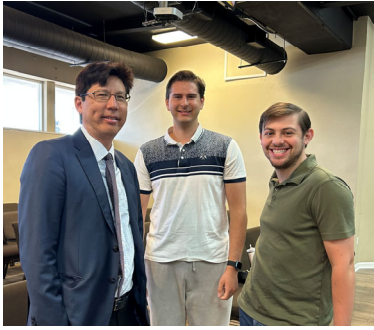
**2. GIVE:** Your sacrificial giving makes a difference!

**3. PRAY:** Remember to pray for our missionaries daily!



Use this convenient QR code for online giving.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORANGE COUNTY CELEBRATED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF MINISTRY ON MAY 31, 2026. PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS BLESSINGS!**



*Upcoming Weddings!*

**Dylan Woodward & Deicy Robledo**  
**June 13, 2026**  
**(Wedding in Texas)**

For gifts: (Amazon Registry - [www.amazon.com/wedding/guest-view/4474ET5KG0Y7](http://www.amazon.com/wedding/guest-view/4474ET5KG0Y7))

**Mike Obuhanych & Vicky Larsen**  
**June 27, 2026 @ 1:00 pm**  
**Bethel Baptist Church**  
**901 South Euclid St.**  
**Santa Ana, CA**

In lieu of gifts, please consider donating to Missions.