

Doing Good

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Sowing and Reaping...

Heb 9:27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many...

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

for things due...

The Bible refers rewards in the terms of "crowns";

- the crown of life (enduring trials Js 1:12)

- the crown of glory (spiritual leadership 1 Pt 5:4)

- the crown of righteousness (for loving Christ's appearing 2 Tim 4:8),

- crown of rejoicing (evangelism 1 Ths 2:19),

- the incorruptible crown (spiritual discipline, 1 Cor 9:25+)

Jesus' words concerning "rewards" (mat 5:

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V 9 doing good (KJV well doing) good (beautiful, virtuous, admirable, pleasant) doing = to make, bring something to pass)

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Two primary factors influence our NOT "doing good"; self-interest, and the prevalence of evil

Self-interest-

(NET) Pro 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who need it, when you have the ability to help.

Heb 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Jas 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Prevalence of evil-

Rom 12:21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

1Pe 3:9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

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Especially...

Gal 6:11 See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Counterfeit letters...

2Th 2:1 Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. 2 Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us.