

Are You A Doer Of Good?

Introduction. This sermon was originally a eulogy or “blessing” for someone’s life. As it turns out, it is a great way to consider if you are a doer of good. There are several words used in the New Testament that are translated “good,” but a general definition of “good” is “positive moral qualities that are highly favored.” A “doer of good,” as we are speaking of, does not pretend to be good, he is good. He seeks to be good not just in some areas of his life, but in all realms of his life. I hope the scriptures and points will encourage you and challenge you to be the right kind of person and the best person you can be in this life.

I. ***A Doer Of Good Has A Pure Heart***

- A. Everything begins in the heart (Matthew 12:35; 15:18-20). The aim of all that Paul did was love that issues from a pure heart (1 Timothy 1:5).
- B. The doer of good has a pure heart that is blessed by God (Matthew 5:8; 6:21), because he has taken care of his heart (Philippians 4:8-9).
- C. A doer of good flees youthful lusts, and builds on the magnificent graces that produces in one the desire to call on the Lord with a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22).

II. ***A Doer Of Good Has A Good Influence***

- A. In 1 Peter 2:11-12, “good works” is set against or contrasted with “evildoers.” You are not a doer of good if you do evil (cf. Titus 2:7-8).
- B. It takes more than just a good deed to be the salt of the earth or the light of the world -- it takes a consistent way of life (Matthew 5:16). Preserve your good name until the day of your death and you achieve the potential of your birth (Ecclesiastes 7:1, 8).
- C. Live so that you can have a good and godly influence on people. Live so that no one can ever speak evil of you. Dorcas is a great example of someone who had a great influence on people (Acts 9:36-39; cf. Hebrews 11:4).

III. ***A Doer Of Good Has A Hope Of Heaven***

- A. God will judge us according to our deeds, and He gives eternal life to those who do good (Romans 2:6-7; Hebrews 11:13-16). A doer of good knows that life on earth does not go on forever, and is moved to look below its surface (Ecclesiastes 7:2).
- B. Have you lived your whole life for the day you die? Do you long for the day that you can put off the flesh and live with the Lord (Philippians 1:21)?

C. You and I can die with the same hope and the same good feeling about death if we are Christians who are "doers of good." That's God's promise to us, and we can have great faith in that promise (Acts 27:25).

Conclusion. Our purpose should be to live so those who are closest to you, and who know you best can say you are good. Prepare your heart to seek God (Ezra 7:10), and speak to God everyday in prayer (Psalm 5:3). When we do everything because of God (Colossians 3:17), then you can be pleased with the course you have traveled (2 Timothy 4:7). Live so God will judge you to be a doer of good!