

8. Doing Good Is Laying Up Treasure As A Firm Foundation In Eternity

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19, NIV – *(17) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (18) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. (19) In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

9. Doing Good Is An Expression Of Our Degree Of Trust In God

- Titus 3:8, NIV – *(8) This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.*

10. Doing Good Works Is An Expression Of Our Ownership And Our Purification

- Titus 2:11-14, NIV – *(11) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. (12) It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, (13) while we wait for the blessed hope -- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, (14) who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

11. Doing Good Wins Us The Favour Of Man

- 1 Peter 3:13, NIV – *(13) Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?*

12. Doing Good Is God’s Desire For Each One Of Us

- Hebrews 10:24, NIV – *(24) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

SUMMARY

- Matthew 5:16, NASB – *“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*

A HEART FOR THE HARVEST

Part 3 – Building Effective Bridges By “Doing Good”

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“DOING GOOD” AND HARVESTING

1. We Must Be Both Natural And Supernatural

- Galatians 6:9, NIV – *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*
- Acts 10:38, NIV – *“... Jesus ... went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil ...”*

2. We Must “Do Good” If We Want A Harvest

- Galatians 6:9, NIV – *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

3. We Must Be Consistent In “Doing Good” If We Want A Harvest

- Galatians 6:9, NIV – *“... we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

BUILDING BRIDGES BY DOING GOOD

1. Doing Good Is Being Salt And Light

- Matthew 5:13-16, NIV – (13) You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. (14) You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
- a) Salt Must Not Lose Its Saltiness
 - b) Light Must Not Be Hidden
 - c) Our Saltiness And Intensity Of Light Is Determined By Our Good Deeds
 - d) Good Deeds Open Peoples Hearts

2. Doing Good Is Loving Our Neighbours As Ourselves

- Matthew 22:37-39, NIV – (37) Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’. (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
- Passion for Christ – and compassion for people

3. Doing Good Is Loving Our Enemies As God Does

- Luke 6:27-35, NIV – (27) But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (29) If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. (30) Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. (31) Do to others as you would have them do to you. (32) If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. (33) And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. (34) And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. (35) But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your

reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

4. Doing Good Is Being More Blessed

- Acts 20:35, NIV – (35) In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

5. Doing Good Is Overcoming Evil

- Romans 12:17-21, NIV – (17) Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. (18) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (19) Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. (20) On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” (21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

6. Doing Good Is Sowing In Preparation For A Harvest

- 2 Thessalonians 3:13, NASB – (13) But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.
- Galatians 6:9-10, NIV – (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.

7. Doing Good Is Responding To God-Ordained Opportunities

- Ephesians 2:10, NIV – (10) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- Proverbs 11:11, NIV – (11) Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted ...”