

An Ear to Hear

Good Works in God's Grand Design

Revelation 2:18-29

"These are the words of him whose eyes were like a flame of fire and whose feet like burnished bronze"

In God's grand design for our lives, He has created good works for us to fully experience, and He calls us forth to join with Him in the good He is creating in and for our world.

A healthy church has _____ in the good work it promotes.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Good works

- Arise out of true _____
- Conform to God's _____
- Are always done for God's _____
- _____ us, taking us out of ourselves and into what God is doing.

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies! ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help.
Psalm 34:13-15 (NLT)

Is this you and me?

Engagement by way of service is something we value highly at ERC – but going forward, we do well to guard against _____ to which the letter to Thyatira points:

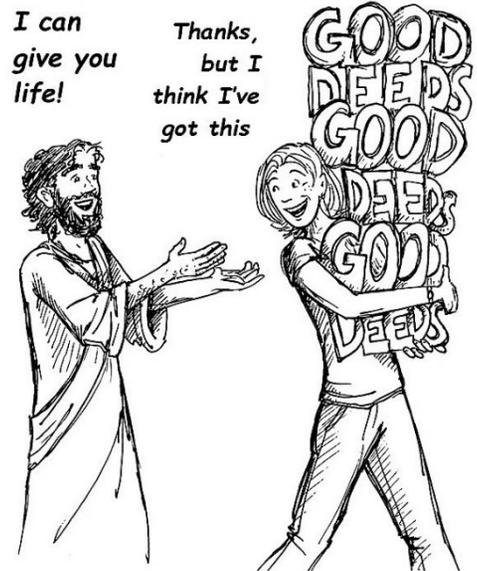
- To win a _____ or be accepted in the "club"
- To cover up or soothe a guilty _____, telling ourselves we're okay, justifying our existence (e.g., Jezebel)
- To escape the _____ in time and energy in that something further that God has for us to do

_____ Jesus speaks to us passionately in this, lovingly calling us out of the clutches of "Jezebel."

Those whose hearts are awakened by Christ's call will make every effort to return to following Him alone, and when given the opportunity, help others to do the same.

I can give you life!

Thanks, but I think I've got this



The _____ of overcoming this blindness of heart and clinging only to Christ are brilliant!

- spiritual _____ in His Kingdom (complete victory over darkness) and
- eternal possession of the "_____ " – the fullest possible relationship with Jesus Christ and personal sharing in His royal splendor