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Answers and Comments Lesson 37

Workmanship	knowledge
Good	will
Works	wisdom
Ordained	understanding
Walk	walk
Works	pleasing
Good	fruitful
Work	good
Jesus	work
Christ	knowledge
Sin	laborers
Made	God
Righteousness	Study
In	workman
Him	ashamed
Good	dividing
Works	should
Ordained	fruits
Desire	tribes
Filled	scattered

This past week we have been to two wakes and one funeral. It was again pressed into our minds the vital importance of correctly understanding the doctrine of „works% in the dispensation of grace. Religion is all about our own effort coupled with God,s love for salvation. This „gospel% keeps people dead in their sins and hell bound. Last week,s lesson may have been elementary to you but a „works salvation% is where most of humanity resides. Let us labor with God to plant and water with the seeds of truth and the water of sound doctrine that God may give the increase of soul,s saved and saints perfected. I Cor. 3:5-8

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In coming to an understanding of „works% in the dispensation of grace, we can benefit from a study of II Cor. 9:6-12.

Let,s start with an explanation of what is going on in the passage. Paul was sending _____, II Cor. 8:16, to Corinth. Titus was sent by Paul to gather up a collection for the _____ saints at _____ according to Rom. 15:26. A contribution had been given by the saints at _____ in II Cor. 8:1. The Macedonian saints had given _____ their _____ 8:3, a generous offering. The Macedonian saints went beyond what Paul ever thought they could afford in their giving. Why? In vs. 1 and 2 we see the reason. What had God bestowed (freely given) upon the churches of Macedonia in vs. 1? _____

Dear friend, the grace of God is what God gives to prosper each and every believer with equally. His abounding grace has made every believer _____ according to: II Cor. 8:9 „For ye know the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was _____, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his _____ might be _____.%

Rom. 10:12 „For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is _____ unto _____ that call upon him.%

Rom. 8:32 „He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also _____ us _____?%

The Macedonian saints had gotten a handle on the magnitude of God,s grace!! They had prospered, benefited from, God,s grace. How? With material reward? That,s what most preachers will tell you. Look back at II Cor. 8:2 „How that in a great trial of _____% These saints were under great persecution for their faith. God had not delivered them from their persecution. But what did God,s grace produce? „the _____ of their _____% II Cor. 8:2

The grace of God overwhelmed these saints in „deep _____% with an abundance of joy. The grace of God produced abundance of joy which poured out „unto the _____ of their _____.% (good works) II Cor. 8:2. The Macedonia saints were still in affliction and still poor but oh how rich they were!

Read these two verses in II Cor. 8:1 and 2 again. Do we revel in and appreciate the grace of God as these saints did? Titus is now on his way to the „big church% at Corinth. Paul was afraid that they would be _____ in II Cor. 9:4, and that Paul would be _____ on their behalf. The Corinthian saints were reluctant to give. They had promised a gift but had not come through with it. Can any of us identify here? II Cor. 8:10 & 11 „who have _____ before, not only to do, but also to be forward a _____ ago. Vs. 11 Now therefore _____ the _____ of it; that as there was a _____ to _____, so there may be a _____ also out of that which ye have.% So how does Paul encourage these saints at Corinth?

First he tells them in II Cor. 9:6 „But this I say, He which _____ shall reap _____; and he which _____ shall reap also _____.%

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If we don,t rightly divide and go to Israel,s law and kingdom programs for instruction on this verse, we will understand this verse to mean the following. Ps. 41:1-3 „Blessed is he that considereth the _____: the LORD will _____ him in time of _____. The LORD will _____ him, and keep him _____; and he shall be _____ upon the _____: and thou will not deliver him unto the will of his _____.%

Luke 6:38 „Give, and it shall be _____ unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men _____ into _____ bosom. For with the same _____ that ye mete withal it shall be _____ to you again.%

Matt. 19:21 „Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and _____
that thou hast, and _____ to the _____, and thou shalt have
_____ in _____: and come and follow me.%

These verses give us a great understanding of God,s instructions to Israel, not
the body of Christ. God desires to have believers sowing and reaping
bountifully. This is the law of the harvest, much the same as in Gal. 6:7-9.
The poor saints at Jerusalem would benefit greatly from a bountiful sowing by
the Corinthians, and would likewise benefit little if their sowing was done
sparingly. To give a dollar, a minute, a thought, a fraction of your talent,
and expect a bountiful harvest is absurd. Paul says in II Cor. 9:12 „..the
administration of this _____ (their gift) not only _____
the _____ of the _____, (the needs of the poor saints at
Jerusalem would be met) but is _____ also by many
_____ unto God.%

Their gift would also have the extra added benefit of producing thanksgiving to
God. Do you see how the sowing and reaping becomes bountiful? Not only would
bountiful sowing produce bountiful reaping in Jerusalem but also thanksgiving
would be an extra added bonus. Look at verse 11 „Being enriched (by God) in
_____ to all _____, which causeth through us
_____ to God.%

How does God enrich us in everything? Look back at II Cor. 9:8 „And God is able
to make _____ toward you; that ye, always
having _____ sufficiency in _____ things, may abound to
_____:%

Our giving God is able to make all grace abound toward us.

Paul, once a Christ hater and persecuter of God,s people, knew that only by the
grace of God that he was now a saint of God. Paul says in I Cor. 15:10 „But by
the _____ of God I am what I am: and his _____ which was
_____ upon me was not in _____, but I _____ more
_____ than they all: yet not I, but the _____ of God which
was with me.%

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It is with this same grace of God that we are enriched and that God is able to abound toward us. With the end goal or aim being „that ye, always having all _____ in all _____, may abound to every _____ .% II Cor. 9:8.

It always comes down to God,s amazing grace; saving us, teaching us, motivating us and enabling us. In I Tim. 2:4 we have a short concise sentence that captures the will of God for the dispensation of grace. „Who will have _____ men to be _____, and to _____ unto the _____ of the _____.%

Is our time, money, talent, effort, thoughts, co-laboring with God in His work? Are we planting and watering that God may give the increase in the things He desires to see accomplished? Good works in the age of grace will always have as their objective the will of God as expressed in I Tim. 2:4. This verse should be the benchmark by which we should measure the activity of our life.

I pray for you as well as for myself that the grace of God would obsess us like it did those saints at Macedonia.

Next week we see how the word of God equips us for good works and what happens to all those works the Bible calls wood, hay and stubble.