

## **2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-9**

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor [liberally enriched others]; their righteousness endures forever."



**THE WORK GOD GAVE  
ME TO DO**

## GENESIS 2:15-18

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work** it and **take care of it**. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." 18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."



**EPHESIANS 2:10**

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works,**  
which **God prepared in advance for us to do.**

## **YOUR JOB**

assigned by people

what you are trained to do

is your skill

is your career

is often unsatisfying

is dispensable

you can retire from it

## **YOUR WORK**

assigned by God

what you were born to do

is your gift

is your life assignment

is often passion inducing

is indispensable

can never retire from it because it's you



**AN AWARENESS OF THE  
WORK ASSIGNED**

## JOHN 9:1-5

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, **we must do the works of him who sent me**. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

## JOHN 17:3-4

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have **brought you glory on earth** by **finishing the work you gave me** to do.



## 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-9

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.** 8 Now there is **in store for me** the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

## 2 PETER 1:13-14

13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that **I will soon put it aside**, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.



**ELEMENTS THAT HELP US  
DISCOVER OUR WORKS**

## LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

### COLOSSIANS 1:9-11

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through **all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives**, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: **bearing fruit in every good work**, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

## DESIRE

### PHILIPPIANS 2:12-14

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is **God who works in you to will** and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

## FAITH / BELIEF

### JOHN 6:27-29

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." 28 Then they asked him, '**What must we do to do the works God requires?**' 29 Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to **believe in the one he has sent.**'

**FAITH / BELIEF**

**1 THESSALONIANS 1:3**

We remember before our God and Father **your work produced by faith,**  
your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our  
Lord Jesus Christ

## FAITH / BELIEF

### 1 TIMOTHY 1:4

or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing **God's work—**  
**which is by faith.**



## THE WORD OF GOD

### 2 TIMOTHY 2:15-17

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, **a worker** who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth**. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God **may be thoroughly equipped for every good work**.



**A FEW LAST  
ENCOURAGEMENTS**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, **you will abound in every good work.**



**HEBREWS 6:10**

God is not unjust; **he will not forget your work** and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

## JOHN 10:22-26

22 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. **The works I do in my Father's name testify about me,** 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

## JOHN 10:22-26

31 Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, 32 but Jesus said to them, "**I have shown you many good works from the Father.** For which of these do you stone me? 33 "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"'? 35 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside—

## JOHN 10:22-26

36 what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? 37 **Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father.** 38 But **if I do them**, even though you do not believe me, **believe the works**, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." 39 Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.