

## Understanding the Power of Doing Good

Hebrews 10:24

“For David served the purpose of God in his own generation...”- *Acts 13:36*

- We started and will end this series with this basic passage of Scripture in order to call the heart, mind, and spirit to being more attentive to God’s high calling for His people in this generation.

**AIM:** The main purpose of this sermon is motivate people to go beyond merely talking about *Living Beyond Themselves* and move to aggressively embracing this lifestyle. We will examine the tremendous power that living a life focused on God can have on a fallen world as we pursue God’s calling for our lives.

**“The World has yet to see what God can do WITH and FOR and THROUGH and IN a man who is FULLY and WHOLLY consecrated to Him.”**

- British Evangelist Henry Varley

- Oh, that this would become our prayer and the words of Isaiah would flow from our heart and soul...**HERE AM I, SEND ME!**
- The world wants you to believe that, One man, One woman, One child cannot make a difference but the Bible tells us differently.
- The Bible tells us that the world can only be changed by you. One man, One woman, One child on fire for the Lord and filled with His passion can mean the difference between eternal life and eternal death for millions of people and generations to come. Even though you alone can make a difference, God doesn’t want you to do it alone. He wants all of us to do it together.

### **Five Levels of Understanding**

- There are five basic levels of understanding that Christians need to embrace in order to understand the lasting significance and impact that their fruit will have upon the world.

#### **Level #1 – Understand the Reason**

- This main point will examine the reason why we need to exhibit the fruit of salvation through our actions and good deeds. We live in a fallen world where God’s grace and His goodness is being overshadowed by evil.
- We turn our television, radio, or pick up the newspaper and we witness a world that is being corrupted before our very eyes. There is no time like the present in which the world needs to experience the power of people doing good deeds and serving others out of a selfless devotion to the Creator.
- **James 3:13-16**

**Level #2 – Understand the Authority**

- This main point will focus our attention on understanding the true reason why there is power in doing good when it is done for the glory of the Lord. We will explore several passages and examine how they relate to our modern day society.
- **Matthew 20:26-28**

**Level #3 – Understand the Trials**

- This main point will focus our attention upon understanding that Christians who choose to follow God's will in serving their church, family, and community will face trials of some nature. It is during these trials that Christian's need to be encouraged and spurred on by the love and good deeds of others.
- **Hebrews 10:23-25**

**Level #4 – Understand the Command**

- This main point will focus our attention upon understanding that serving our heavenly Father with the heart, mind, soul, and our actions is required. Many Christians understand this to be optional and few follow this command even though they may profess to be devoted Christians.
- **Matthew 5:13-16**
- **Galatians 6:9-10**
- **Ephesians 2:10**

**Level #5 – Understand the Result**

- This main point will focus our attention on understanding the results of serving our Heavenly Father with our heart, mind, soul, and actions. Many times we believe that we serving with no reward in sight but that is because we are truly serving for the reward that is out of sight, the heavenly reward.
- **1 Corinthians 15:58**
- **Romans 12:21**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**Romans 12:21** – Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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