

Good Works Are Essential, But...

Good works and good deeds are characteristics of the Kingdom, so they're an essential component of a son's life. These are conducted extensively and with joy, despite the problem of them really being 'dead works' which occur very often during our lifetimes.

Remember, 'dead works' refers to those activities we engaged in which our King sees as "wood, hay and straw" which will be "burnt up" (rejected by him) when he assesses us for our rewards for the Age to Come. Only 'good works' – those he approves of – will be rewarded.

Therefore, 'dead works' are those which are not approved within the things of the Kingdom. Now, that doesn't mean they're evil, but that they're done with the wrong motive. "Wrong motive" from a Kingdom perspective means the heart attitude of the person is wrong in the initiation or the purpose of the activity.

Now, what's good to us is very often not what Father sees as 'good'. In fact, he's really interested in us doing things out of his heart, rather than our own heart with it's 'corrupted' attitudes. This is why we need to think like this, before we plan or do something, "Is this what Father wants me to do?" That short check-in time can very often save us from moving into 'dead works'.

So how do we identify 'dead works'?

That's an important question, seeing we have autonomy to make our own decisions rather than being Spirit-controlled automatons. Assessing the motives and attitudes behind our actions is the way to check with our spirit as to what the Spirit has to say about our plans. That safeguard is an important component of Kingdom living for all of us.

Here's a checklist to help identify 'dead works' before we engage in them.

Is my action planned and executed out of:

1. Father's heart
2. Father's character
3. Father's unconditional love

Notice that 'good works' all relate the Father, not ourselves. The guiding principle then is this: Is my activity righteous? This means:

1. Is it what Father wants?
2. Is it done with his love, not my own love?
3. Is it done in Father's way?
4. Is it done in Father's timeframe?

From those last 4 points, it's quite plain that hearing from Father is essential in determining what we do and how we do it, that's so it's what he desires. It's also very clear that we need to know his heart and mind, and those only come from our intimacy and oneness with him.

Engaging in 'dead works' is a normal activity for us to be involved in when we haven't fully matured in our sonship, so we let our soul and mind determine what we do. In other words, it's normal to do them because our physical body's senses haven't been regenerated.



**Father's heart of love is the key to doing 'good works'.
Good deeds not done out of his unconditional love are not 'good works'.**

IMPORTANT: Don't fear making mistakes about engaging in 'dead works', they're forgiven already. However, our desire for activities should be those Father approves.



CRITICAL: Sons are love-focused, not works-focused. 'Good works' is not what sons are to centre themselves on. We are to centre on our oneness with the members of the Trinity. Our focus is to function out of LOVE, and in doing so, our actions will lead to 'good works'.

For a more detailed look at this topic listen to this short teaching session:



Mike Parsons "From Works to Love" [LINK](#)

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