

Lesson Notes:

## **Performing Good Works**

While the performance of good works are not the keys to Salvation; Jesus tells us in Matthew 6: 19–20 to lay up treasures in heaven. In addition to making us feel good about ourselves good works are an excellent way to please our Lord and Savior.

## **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) Honoring God is pleasing to God. – Matthew 26:6-13** – Here we see that Christ was pleased when the woman honored him by anointing him with oil and he rebuked his disciples for chastising her.
  - a.** How can we Honor God? There are all kinds of ways to honor God several are listed in the Book of Psalms
    - i.** **Psalm 73:28** says to declare his good works
    - ii.** **Psalm 107:8** says give him thanks, honor and praise
- 2) We are “ordained” to perform Good Works – Ephesians 2:10 & Matthew 5:16**
- 3) Paul lists Good Works in his writings.** - The apostle Paul urged Timothy who was pasturing the church at Ephesus to encourage the Ephesians honor God.
  - a. 1 Timothy 5:10**
    - i.** Raising Children in a Godly Home
    - ii.** Lodging Strangers
    - iii.** Relieving the afflicted
  - b. Titus 2:7 – Likewise, Paul urged Titus who was pasturing the Church at Crete to inspire the church at Crete to honor God.**
    - i.** Being incorruptible
    - ii.** Having Gravity (Values)
    - iii.** Sincerity (is God and your daily walk with God first in your Life)
  - c. Finally Paul tells us in Hebrews 10:24 to encourage one another.**
- 4) In Matthew 25:34-40 Jesus our Lord tells us that when we minister to the poor, sick, needy or those in prison we have ministered to him.**
- 5) In Matthew 6:19-20 Jesus our Lord tells us to lay up treasures in heaven and not to worry about laying up a treasure on earth that will simply pass away.**