

THE LORD *IS NEAR* to

all who call
on him.

- Psalm 145:18

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

**COME WORSHIP
WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES.....7:00



- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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FACING LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Michael Pickford

Life is filled with wonderful and amazing blessings. We're often distracted from being grateful for them by the problems we face in life. Don't get me wrong, many of these problems are challenging and daunting. Mercifully, God has not only blessed us with hope for eternal life, He has given us guidance in facing problems in this life. Consider seven things that can enable us in the face of these problems....

- **Seek Wise Advice From Those Qualified:** To keep us balanced. 1 Kings 12:4-11; Proverbs 3:13-17
- **Pray For Wisdom:** To guide us properly in making the tough decisions. James 1:5; Proverbs 23:19
- **Sympathy:** One of the best ways to face our problems is to help others face theirs. Luke 10:33-35
- **Courage:** Fear can paralyze us if we're not careful. Acts 20:24; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Corinthians 16:13
- **Knowledge:** A lack of knowledge of God's word destroys us spiritually, but also makes facing life's problems tougher. Hosea 4:6; Romans 10:1-4; Matthew 22:29
- **Trust:** Trust God always. Don't neglect that trust during tough times. It's tempting to do so. Don't do it. Hebrews 3:14; Proverbs 3:3-5
- **Determination:** Be determined to overcome your problems—climb your mountains. Don't give up. Philippians 3:12-14; Ephesians 6:10 ☞

GOOD WORKS IN TITUS

David Eldridge

There are some who are “disqualified for every good work” because of their defiled minds and abominable actions (Titus 1:16). Yet, as God’s people, we are to practice good works – in fact, that is what we have been created anew to do (Eph. 2:10). Further, when we “do good...God is well pleased” (Heb. 13:16). In writing to the evangelist Titus, Paul had many things to say about good works. Let us notice some facts about good works found in Titus.

Be Zealous Good Works: Paul told Titus that Jesus “gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works” (Titus 2:14). Some translations render “zealous for good works,” “eager to do good works.” You and I must have an eager desire to do good works. We should desire good works that we might glorify God. Paul told the Corinthian brethren that their good work in supplying the needs of the saints had caused others to “glorify God” (2 Cor. 9:12-15). Jesus spoke of the importance of good works in this way when He said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). We also should desire good works so as to be prepared for Judgment. “Eternal life” will be given “to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality” (Rom. 2:7). As Jesus taught that Judgment will, in part, be based on the good we do towards others, we should desire to have good works in our life (Matt. 25:31-40). Be zealous of good works!

Prepare For Good Works: Being eagerly zealous for good works is vital, yet it for naught if one is not preparing for good works. Paul instructed Titus, “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work” (Titus 3:1). To be ready is to be prepared to do. How can one be ready for every good work? First, one must study the word of God. The Scripture is able to thoroughly equip us for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Second, one must look for opportunity to do good. Paul wrote, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good...” (Gal. 6:10). Third, to aid in getting the mind focused on looking for opportunities, one must meditate on good things. Paul counseled, “Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if

there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things” (Phil. 4:8). Prepare for good works!

Do Good Works: To be zealous of good works and to prepare for them does absolutely no good unless we do good works. Thus, Paul instructed Titus, “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men” (Titus 3:8). Again, “And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful” (Titus 3:14). We should learn from the example of Dorcas who was “full of good works and charitable deeds which she did” (Ac. 9:36). God is pleased when we do good: “But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” (Heb. 13:16). Also, the good that we do is evidence of our relationship with God for “He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God” (3 Jn. 11). What good are you doing? Do good works!-

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Proverbs 17:1-7
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Todd
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Tim Thompson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tim Thompson
- Lord’s Table.....Tim Thompson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***