



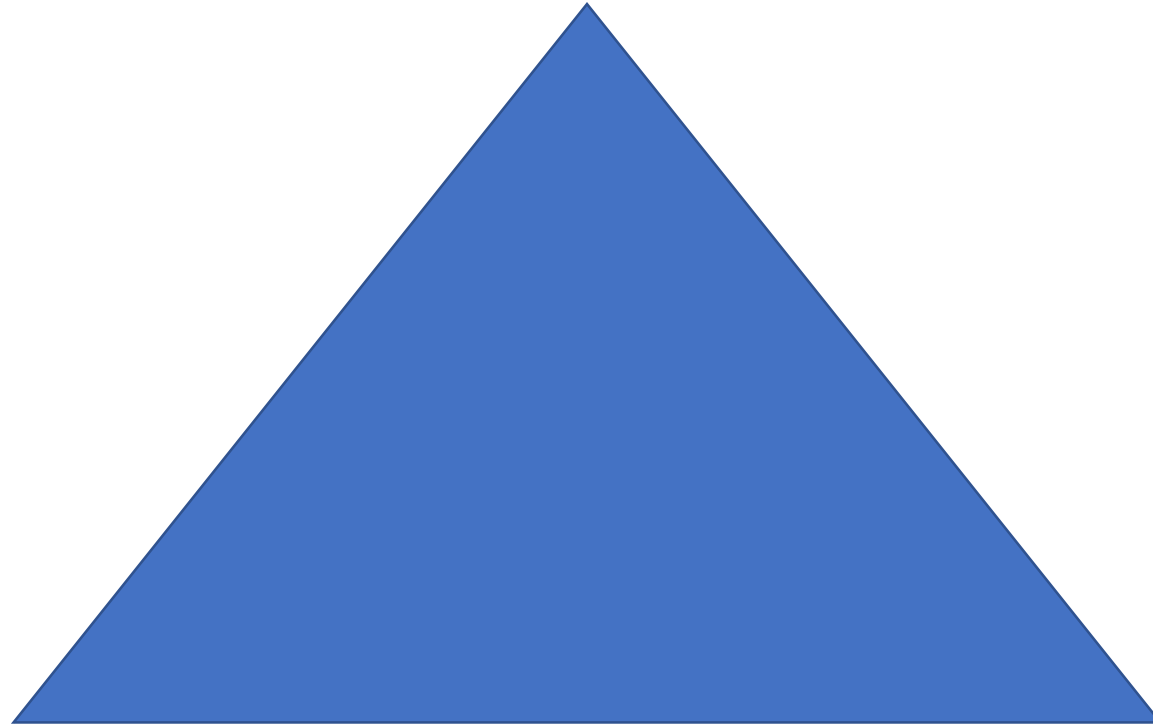
Work Good For Everyone

Galatians 6:10

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**Now I want to create a triangular connection between
Philippians 1:6, **Luke 19** and Galatians 6:10.**

Phil 1:6



Gal 6:10



Luke 19:13

- Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, **‘Engage in business until I come.’**

This is very interesting language



‘Engage in business until I come.’ Jesus

Lk 19:13, Gal 6:10, Phil 1:6

- **Work hard; do good**
- **Be persistently productive**
- **Make a difference today**
- **Impact someone or something positively**
- **Use your talents to the glory of God & betterment of society**
- **Create, innovate, improve, develop**
- **Live with an intentionality about everything you do**
- **Strive for excellence; take ownership**

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1x

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Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

πραγματεύομαι *pragmateúomai*, prag-mat-yoo'-om-ahee; from G4229; to busy oneself with, i.e. to trade:—occupy.

Engage in business until I come



Like Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

Like Noah building an ark

Like Abraham starting a family in Canaan

Like Moses leading the Israelites to the Promised Land

Like the Israelites occupying the Promised Land

Like the Judahites living in captivity in Babylon




Like the disciples following Jesus in the Gospels

Like Peter & Paul planting churches in Acts



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opportunity	G2540	καιρὸν καιρός <i>kairos</i>		N-ASM
let us do PHRASE	G2038	ἐργαζώμεθα ἐργάζομαι <i>ergazomai</i>		V-PNS-1P
good	G18	ἀγαθὸν ἀγαθός <i>agathos</i>		A-ASN

KJV Translation Count — Total: 39x

The KJV translates Strong's G2038 in the following manner: work (22x), wrought (7x), do (3x), minister about (1x), forbear working (with G3361) (1x), labour for (1x), labour (1x), commit (1x), trade by (1x), trade (1x).

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- I.* to work, labour, do work
- II.* to trade, to make gains by trading, "do business"
- III.* to do, work out
 - A.* exercise, perform, commit
 - B.* to cause to exist, produce
- IV.* to work for, earn by working, to acquire



Now that we know the Greek word Paul used **ἐργάζομαι (G2038)** we can look for other places in the NT it is used.

Ergazomai is found 41x in 39 verses.



Matthew 7:23

- And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, **YOU workers of lawlessness.**'

ergazomai



Luke 13:14

- But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which **work** ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”



**Now let me show
you Gal 6:10**

**with the word 'work'
instead of do**



Galatians 6:10

- Therefore, as we have opportunity,
we must work for the good of all,
especially for those who belong to the
household of faith.

**Our God, His Son and the Spirit
all work.**

**Consider how our Bible
introduces us to God.**



This is Gen. 1 & 2

Good & Work



⁴ And God saw that the light was **good**.

¹⁰ gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was **good**.

¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, And God saw that it was **good**.

¹⁸ and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was **good**.

²¹ winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was **good**.

²⁵ creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was **good**.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**.



Genesis 2:1-2

- Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished **his work** that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from **all his work** that he had done.



Then we move to Humanity

Genesis 2:15

- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to work it and keep it.**





Turn To Jeremiah 29



Jeremiah 29:1

- These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the **exiles**, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar **had taken into exile** from Jerusalem to Babylon.



Jeremiah 29:2–3

- This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:



Jeremiah 29:4

- “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, **to all the exiles** whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

elect exiles

We understand these words were given directly to the exiles in Babylon.



**We are drawing a parallel between them and us.
Peter calls believers in Christ exiles in 1 Peter 1.**

We are taking what God said to them and drawing application from God's intent.



Jeremiah 29:5–6

- **Build** houses and live in them; **plant** gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ **Take** wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and **give** your daughters in marriage, that they may **bear** sons and daughters; **multiply** there, and do not decrease.



Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)

- **But seek the welfare of the city** where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.



Welfare

- The state of doing well

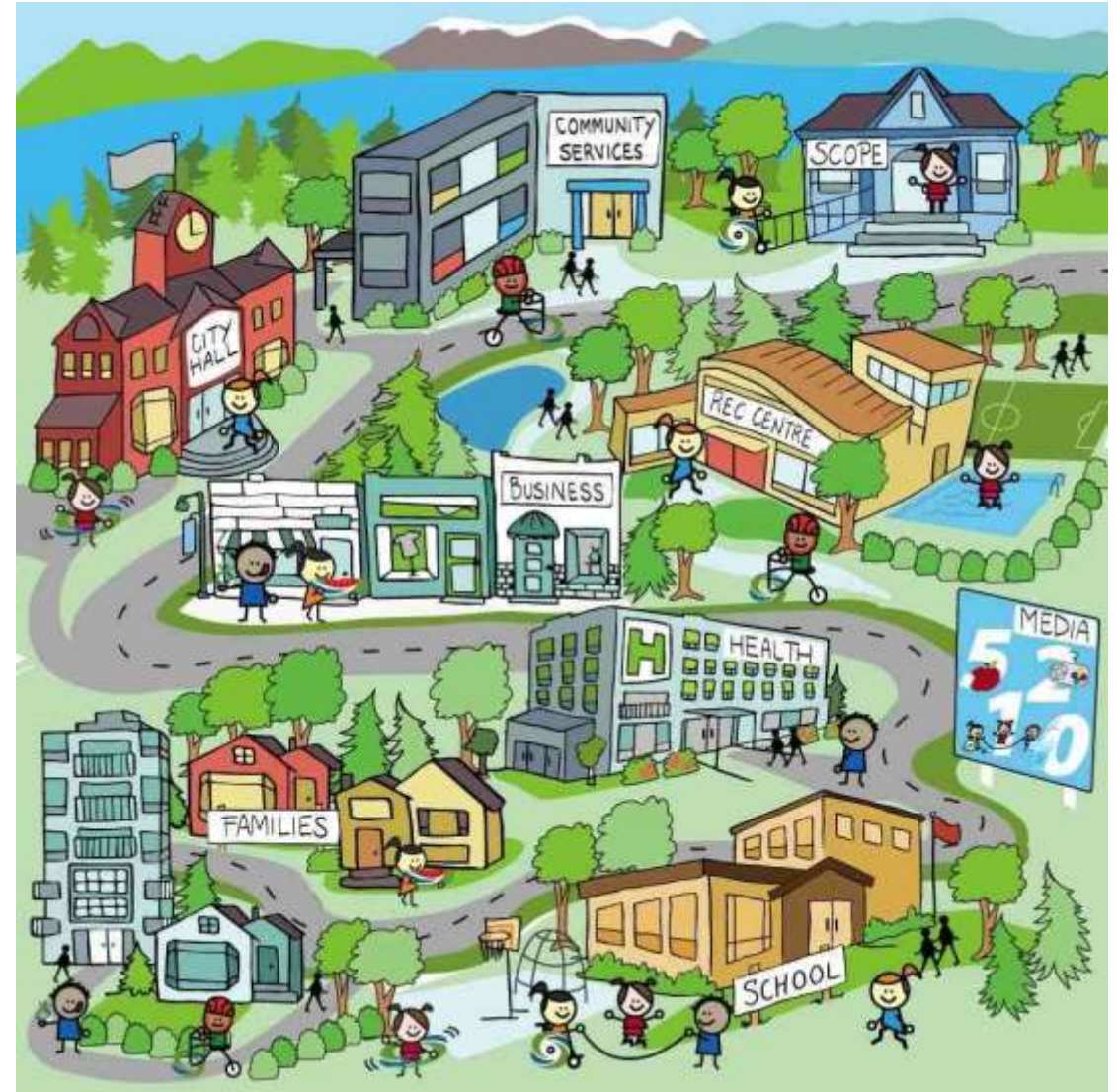
I don't think it is a stretch to compare
work for the good of others to seek the
welfare of the city



Galatians 6:10

- So then, as we have opportunity, let us **work for the good of all**, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- Family
- Church
- Body of Christ
- Neighborhood
 - City
 - State
 - Nation





Jeremiah 29:10

- “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, **and I will fulfill to you my promise** and bring you back to this place.



Now Let's Look @

One of the most misapplied verses in the OT



Jeremiah 29:11

- For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

New Testament believers in the gospel cannot lift verses like Jeremiah 29:11 out of their context and attempt to apply them in Fayetteville NC in the year 2020.

Instead, we study the context and ask what should example or principles can I learn from this passage as opposed to NT passages like Ephesians 6:8.



NT Believers

We Have Promises to Us As Well



Galatians 6:7

- Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.



John 14:3

- And if I go and prepare a place for you,
**I will come again and will
take you to myself,** that where I
am you may be also.



Ephesians 6:8

- knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.



Mark 10:29–30

- Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold **now in this time**, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, **and in the age to come eternal life**.

Examples of a Good Work

Getting married

Raising a family

Planting a garden

Supporting the economy

Fighting against injustice

Paying taxes

Obeying magistrates

Loving my neighbor

Providing goods or services



**seek the welfare
of the city**





Consider

Nehemiah 2:18



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- And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” **So they strengthened their hands for the good work.**



**What was the good
work Nehemiah was
engaged in?**



Nehemiah was leading an effort to rebuild walls of protections around the city.

A neighborhood can create an invisible wall of protection by getting to know each other and committing to say something if they see something.

Mr. & Mrs. Follower of Christ it is for the good of all that you say something when you see something.

‘It’s not my problem’ are words that don’t come out of our mind or ‘I don’t want to be involved.’



Move to the NT

And See Jesus Working



John 4:34

- Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish **his work**.”

What work is this?



John 10:32

- Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”



Then we move to Humanity



Matthew 5:16

- In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may **see your good works** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



Our God worked in creating the Universe

He worked in accomplishing His will through Israel throughout the OT

Jesus did many good works until the His final work of redemption was finished

The Spirit continues the work of Christ

If you are a believer God began a good work in you



God worked in our Creation & Salvation & Continues to Work



Philippians 1:6

- And I am sure of this, that he who began **a good work** in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

***this is the mina (pound)
in Luke 19***



Luke 19:13

- Calling ten of his servants, **he gave them ten minas**, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

**Compared to
Galatians 6:10**

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Ephesians 2:10

- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



1 Timothy 6:17–19

- As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.¹⁸ They are to do good, **to be rich in good works**, to be generous and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.



2 Timothy 3:16–17

- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, **equipped for every good work.**

**What is the greatest
good that one could
be recipient of?**

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God's Work of Salvation

God's Work of Salvation comes about through individual faith in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for a person's sins.

And this faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of Christ. We work to bring them this word (gospel).



**That's our Priority
But NOT to the
exclusion of
everything else**



The same Jesus who gave us our GREAT Commandments and the GREAT Commission told us to engage in business until he returns.

- 1) We Love God & Love Others**
- 2) We Preach the Word (the gospel)**
- 3) We Seek the Welfare of our City until He returns**

- **Work it and keep it (Gen 2)**
- **Seek the welfare of your city (Jer 29)**
- **See your good works (Mt 5)**
- **Engage in business until I come (Lk 19)**
- **Work for the good of others (Gal 6)**
- **Created in Christ for good works (Eph 2)**
- **Equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3)**
- **And the righteous still do right (Rev 22)**

Laziness and Apathy are the Enemies to Do Good

Lazy

- **disinclined to activity or exertion**

Apathetic

- **having little or no interest or concern**



Wrap It Up

Turn to Matthew 25

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



Matthew 25:31–32

- “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.



Matthew 25:33

- And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.



Matthew 25:34

- Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'



Matthew 25:35–36

For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I
was a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶
I was naked and you clothed me, I was
sick and you visited me, I was in prison
and you came to me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’**



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