



Don't Give Up: Work Good

Galatians 6:9-10



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for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to
everyone, and especially to those who are of the
household of faith.



Galatians 6:7–8

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.





Galatians 6:9

- And let us not grow weary of **doing good**, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

**The Greek is not the same in v. 9 & 10;
although it looks like the same message, there
is a bit of a variant.**

**V. 9 make morally good decisions or don't
grow weary of following the Holy Spirit**

Doing Good

**Is not a new message but the
same message said differently**



Galatians 6:2

- Bear one another's burdens, and so **fulfill the law of Christ.**

What is the law of Christ?



John 13:34

- A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to
love one another.

Don't Grow Weary of Loving Others

Don't Grow Weary of Following the Spirit

Don't Grow Weary of
Being Kind

Don't Grow Weary of Forgiving Others

Don't Grow Weary of
Sharing

Don't Grow Weary of
Listening

**Don't Grow Weary of
Working Hard**

Don't Grow Weary of Being Patient



Turn to Psalm 73

Listen to a Weary Man

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. ³ For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴ For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹ And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" ¹² Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. ¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. ¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this, **it seemed to me a wearisome task,** ¹⁷ **until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.** ¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. ²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. ²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, **and afterward you will receive me to glory.** ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.



Galatians 6:9

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Look Back @

Galatians 6:8



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We are reaping more than eternal life.

Jesus told a very interesting parable worthy of our attention in which this reaping and sowing language is used.

Turn to Luke 19 beginning in verse 9.



Luke 19:9–10

- And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

We are going to hear some harsh words in a minute and we need to remember these words.



Luke 19:11

- As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.



Luke 19:12

- He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.



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

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1x

The KJV translates Strong's G4231 in the following manner: *occupy* (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to be occupied in anything
- II.* to carry on a business
- III.* to carry on the business of a banker or a trader

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.



Luke 19:14

- But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, **‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’**



Is Christ reigning
over you?

Is He Your Lord?



Luke 19:15

- When he returned, **having received the kingdom**, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by **doing business**.



Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”**



Luke 19:16-17

- The first came before him, saying, '**Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.**'
- And he said to him, '**Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.**'



Luke 19:18-19

- And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.'
- And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

Notice how this parable presents a person being rewarded for their labor.

Citizens were given a mina (a pound) from the master and expected to engage in business.

Those who did something with what they were given multiplied its value and they were rewarded with authority over cities.

They reaped in the end because they did not grow weary of doing good (v. 10).



Luke 19:20-21

- Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. **You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'**



Luke 19:22

- He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?



Luke 19:23

- Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’

This person did nothing with the work God did in them.



Luke 19:24–25

- And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!'



Luke 19:26

- 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.



Luke 19:27

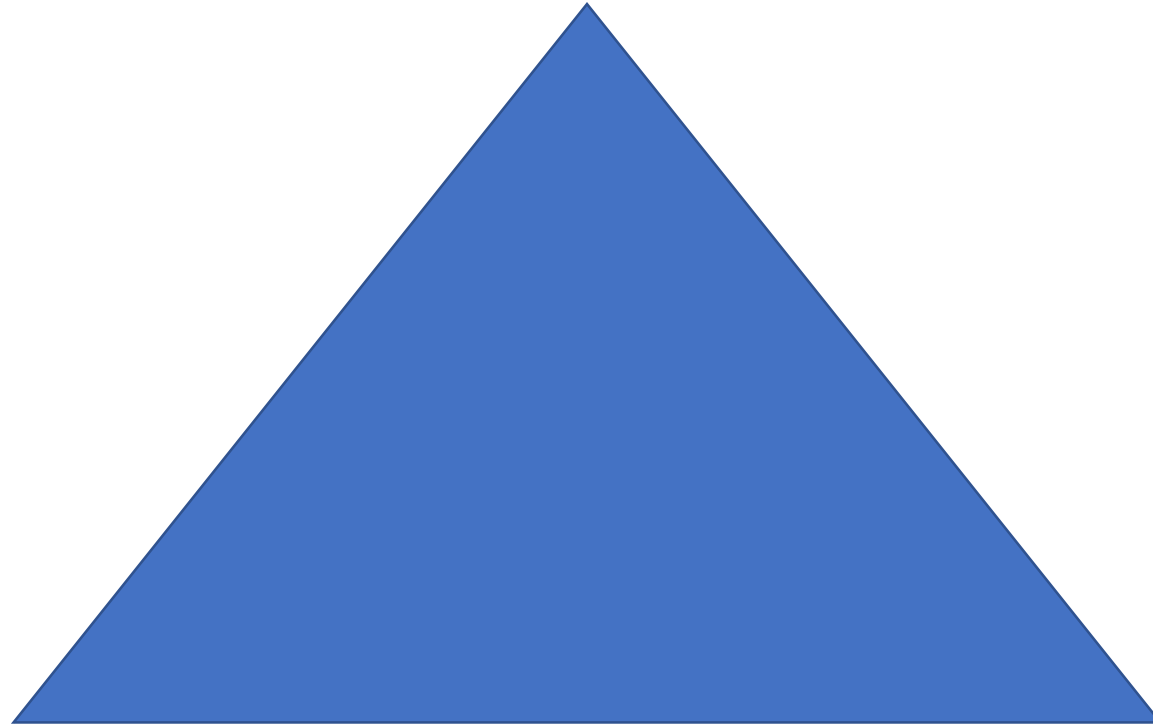
- But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here **and slaughter them before me.’ ”**



Without the promise
of reaping we may
very well wonder
What is the point?

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

Phil 1:6






Gal 6:10



Galatians 6:10

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

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

ἐργάζομαι

Transliteration

ergazomai (Key)

Pronunciation

er-gä'-zo-mi (Key)



Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

Middle voice from ἔργον (G2041)

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).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- 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.**'

Depart from me; I never knew you

**Christ tells the workers of iniquity
(lawlessness) or the opposite of
good “depart from me.”**



**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.

**Are you a worker of lawlessness OR
are you one who works for good?**

**The good of the church, the
kingdom of God, society, others,
your marriage...**



Matthew 25:16

He who had received the five talents went at once and **traded with them**, and he made five talents more.

the man who had received five talents went, **put them to work**, and earned five more.

ἐργάζομαι



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.



Genesis 2:15

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



Move to the NT



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?”



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



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 in Luke 19



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.



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.'



Work for the Good of Others

- **Extending Hospitality**
 - **Teaching a Skill**
 - **Sharing the Gospel**
- **Rendering Medical Aid**
 - **Fighting Injustice**