

JESUS WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD

Peter made one of the simplest statements about Jesus that you'll find in Scripture. But it is also packed with meaning and application. He said that Jesus "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). This understated affirmation deserves our deeper exploration. What were some of these good things that our Lord went about doing?

He Pointed People to the Scriptures. People regularly approached Jesus with questions. Some were only trying to trap Him in His words, but others were genuinely seeking His help. Either way, our Lord knew that everyone, regardless of their problem or their motive, needed to encounter God as He had revealed Himself in the Scriptures. That's why we find Jesus saying things like, "Have you not read in the law...?" (Matt. 12:5), or "Have you not read in the book of Moses...?" (Mark 12:26), or "What is written in the law? How does it read to you?" (Luke 10:26). We regularly encounter people with problems, questions, dilemmas, and issues. We would do well to follow the example of Jesus and point them to God's will.

He Called People to Higher Ground. Jesus did not want His followers to be content with mediocrity or the status quo. He called on His people to exceed the righteousness of the recognized religious leaders of the day (Matt. 5:20). He taught people to love their enemies (5:44), put the kingdom of God first (6:33), and treat others the way we would want to be treated (7:12). There is no higher ethic than the Christian ethic, and our world would be a better place if it would heed our Lord's call.

He Put Others Ahead of Himself. There is no better example of Jesus "doing good" than His putting others ahead of Himself. That's what brought Him to us in the first place (Phil. 2:5-8). "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). From His perfect example we learn, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

As we fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:2), let us determine that we will follow His perfect example and go about "doing good" just like He did.

- Eddie Parrish, Brown Trail church of Christ, Bedford, TX (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

THE EFFECTIVE CHURCH...

...Exalts God (Eph. 3:21). The church is a place of heartfelt praise of its Architect.

...Evangelizes the Lost (Matt 28:19-20). The church is a place where the truth of the gospel is presented to all.

...Edifies its Members (Eph. 4:16). The church is a place of great love and encouragement.

...Educates the Unlearned (2 Tim. 2:2). The church is a place of teaching the truths of the Word of God.

...Equips the Saints (Eph. 4:11-12). The church is a place where people are trained for service.

...Eases the Burdens of the Needy (Heb. 13:16). The church is a place of distributing help and hope.

- Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

People never get dizzy from doing good turns.

News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Bill Miller. Rico is in a gospel meeting (May 19-22) in Jacksonville, FL.

CONFESSION: Devon Noland.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Patrick Reardon (grandson of David & Becky McKittrick) who graduated magna cum laude from Ohio Valley University, Parkersburg, WV.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in this activity to make little stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Canceled this Tuesday, May 21st due to Rico's absence. The last class for this season will be Tuesday, May 28th. This class will be discontinued for June, July, and August and will resume in the Fall.

POTTERS CHILDREN'S HOME: Any monetary donations should be given to one of the Elders by next Sunday, May 26th.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregation, ELO will join together here in Chester for our area-wide sing, June 7th. Donations for refreshments following the sing can be given to Sharon Sprout.

PANTRY: Canned potatoes.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Linda Parkes, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

GOSPEL MEETING

New Freeport, PA May 26-30, (7:00 p.m., except Sunday)..... Sam Bartrug

6 P's of Bible Study

Bible study is vitally important. Man's usefulness in life as well as happiness in eternity demands an understanding of and obedience to the Word of God. As we consider our study of the Scriptures, we must do it in the following ways.

1. **Periodically.** Read on a regular schedule (Acts 17:11).
2. **Purposefully.** Study with a definite plan in mind (2 Timothy 2:15).
3. **Pensively.** Read reflectively and thoughtfully. (Psalm 119:97).
4. **Persistently.** Keep at it! Don't grow discouraged! (1 Peter 2:2).
5. **Prayerfully.** If any lacks wisdom, let him ask of God (James 1:5).
6. **Properly.** God's word must be rightly divided or "handled accurately." (2 Timothy 2:15).

Successful Bible study boils down to this: begin now and keep on! Read and reread the text without being discouraged. This is the key to everything.

- (via *Bulletin Digest*)