

Dig Deeper Devotional

Eager to Do Good: Living with Eternal Intentionality



Opening Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for the immeasurable grace You have poured upon me through Jesus Christ. Long before I sought You, You pursued me. Long before I understood my need for redemption, You provided it through the sacrifice of Your Son. I confess that my attention is often divided. The pressures of daily life, the pursuit of temporary goals, and the distractions of this world can quietly shift my focus away from what matters most. Today, awaken my heart once again. Cultivate within me a holy eagerness—not merely to avoid wrongdoing, but to actively pursue what is good, noble, and pleasing in Your sight. May my life reflect gratitude for the grace I have received.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Foundation

NIV – Epistle to Titus 2:14

“Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

KJV – Titus 2:14

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Teaching & Insight

Most believers periodically ask themselves familiar spiritual questions. Am I growing in my faith? Am I spending enough time in prayer? Am I reading Scripture consistently? These questions are valuable and worthy of reflection. Yet Titus presents a question that many Christians rarely consider:

Am I eager to do good?

Notice the language carefully. Paul does not merely ask whether believers occasionally perform good deeds. Nor does he suggest that goodness should emerge only when convenient. Instead, he describes God's people as being *eager* for good works. The word carries the idea of enthusiasm, readiness, anticipation, and intentional pursuit. Such eagerness reveals something deeper than behavior. This eagerness reveals your desire – a distinction that matters.

Many people perform good actions out of obligation. Others act from social expectation, personal gain, or a desire for recognition. Biblical goodness, however, flows from a transformed heart responding to the grace of God. This is precisely the context of Titus 2. Before speaking about good works, Paul speaks about salvation and he points to grace. Paul, before describing what believers should do, he reminds them of what Christ has already done. The order of operations is essential to every one of us.

Being a Christian has never been about a system of earning God's favor through good behavior. Rather, it is the story of God's favor producing transformed behavior. Beginning with Grace – grace precedes goodness. The gift of redemption through Jesus is free – and we should adequately respond. Christ gave Himself for us, redeeming us from sin and purifying a people for His own possession. The result of that transformation is not passive gratitude; it is active participation in God's purposes. A redeemer's heart naturally desires to reflect the character of its Redeemer.

The devotional teaching from Mondays with Mark highlights a challenge many believers face. Rarely do Christians wake up intending to squander their influence, resources, or opportunities. More often, spiritual drift occurs through misplaced focus. The temporary gradually overshadows the eternal, causing us to invest disproportionate energy in pursuits that ultimately carries little lasting significance. The danger, however, can be subtle. Few believers consciously reject God's priorities. Instead, they become distracted from them.

The demands of career advancement, financial pressure, personal ambitions, entertainment, and countless daily responsibilities can slowly crowd out opportunities for Kingdom impact. Over time, the urgent begins to eclipse the important. Yet Scripture repeatedly calls believers to a different perspective.

We have been blessed abundantly:

- spiritually through salvation,
- physically through life and health,
- relationally through family and community,
- materially through resources and opportunities.

These blessings were never intended merely for personal consumption. They are entrusted to us for stewardship. This raises an important question:

How am I leveraging God's blessings for God's purposes?

The answer extends far beyond financial generosity.

Doing good may involve:

- encouraging a discouraged friend,
- mentoring a younger believer,
- serving quietly without recognition,
- sharing the Gospel,
- offering hospitality,
- extending forgiveness,
- providing wisdom,
- demonstrating compassion.

In many cases, the greatest acts of goodness are neither dramatic nor public. They are simply faithful. The believer who remains eager to do good understands that every day presents opportunities to reflect Christ. Some opportunities will appear significant. Others may seem almost invisible. There is value in both the significant and the unseen actions. The measure of faithfulness is not visibility. Your measure is obedience, eagerness and willingness.

Not:

“Can I do something significant?”

Rather:

“Am I eager to do what God places before me today?”

This posture transforms ordinary moments into Kingdom opportunities.

DEED / ACTION

This week, intentionally cultivate spiritual eagerness.

Step 1: Evaluate Your Focus

Ask yourself:

- What currently occupies most of my attention?
- Are my priorities aligned with eternal values?

Step 2: Identify One Blessing

Consider one area where God has richly blessed you:

- time

- finances
- knowledge
- relationships
- influence
- abilities

Step 3: Deploy It Purposefully

Choose one practical way to use that blessing for someone else's benefit this week.

Step 4: Pray Daily

Ask the Holy Spirit each morning:

"Lord, where would You have me do good today?"

Then remain attentive.

Pause & Reflect

- Am I eager to do good, or merely willing when convenient?
- Where has distraction diminished my spiritual focus?
- How might God be calling me to use my blessings more intentionally?

Allow these questions to uncover both opportunities and obstacles.

Hebrew Insight

"Good, beneficial, pleasing, excellent" — (טוב) (Tov)

In Scripture, goodness is not merely moral correctness. It carries the idea of flourishing according to God's design and purposes.

True goodness reflects God's character.

Greek Insight

ζηλωτής (Zēlōtēs) — "Zealous, eager, enthusiastically devoted"

Used to describe passionate commitment and earnest pursuit.

Paul's description of believers as "zealous for good works" portrays a people actively looking for opportunities to honor God through their actions.

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for the grace that has redeemed me and continues to transform me. Guard my heart from distraction and complacency. Renew my focus upon what carries eternal value. Help me recognize opportunities to serve, encourage, and bless others in Your name. Create within me a genuine eagerness to do good—not for recognition, but as a response to Your goodness toward me. May my life increasingly reflect the generosity, compassion, and love of Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Charge

Grace was never intended to end with gratitude - It was designed to produce transformation.

Live with open eyes, open hands, and an eager heart—ready to do the good works God has prepared before you.

Sources

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