

5. WORKS

A few questions arise from this subject. What are WORKS? Why are they needed? Who does them?

Let's give Sermon 5 a title, and that title will be:
"The Family Business"

Whenever, if ever, one becomes a member of the Family of God, there will be expectation placed upon that one*. Jesus, the Christ, said "My Father Works, And I Work" [John 5:17].

John 6:28-29 councils as to what the beginning "works" should be in order to enter The Family of God; or if you will allow....Get hired by The Family of God. But after being hired into The Family Business one must not cease working. The requirements of the position "SERVANT" in The Family Business are numerous, and all employees (servants) are expected to contribute to the work being done.

One of the jobs for employees (servants) of The Family Business to do is: see to it, or, work the job of, "GLORIFY GOD THE FATHER". Mathew 5:16 teaches, or, trains the servant in how to accomplish the task; in other words, do a good job. How? By the servant allowing his light to, SO, shine before men.

Every servant (employee) is expected to work, or do its job [Mark 13:34]; and every servant (employee) can expect to be compensated, paid, or rewarded according to how well the servant did the job [Mathew 16:27].

Jesus Christ, our elder brother, has been working at The Family Business longer than any servant (employee), and is more than willing to share with fellow servants (employees). In John 4:34, our elder brother shares with all servants (employees), the proper attitude to have while working. In John 5:17 he shares what the motivation to work should be. In John 9:4 he shares to work ethically, as expected of servants. And, in John 17:4 he shares the dedication and commitment servants should have towards The Family Business. How much do servants make, or earn, working at The Family Business? 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 is an illustration of the fact, the pay or reward is based upon the quality of the servant's craftsmanship.

But, and it seems there is always a....But, the one thing servants (employees) at The Family Business should not do is this: Judge its work by, or against another servant's work [Galatians 6:4]. There is no need for any servant (employee) at The Family Business to be overly concerned about shortcomings of any sort; because that could only lead to the work being negatively affected. Remember, that all servants (employees) work for GOD. God is: Senior Partner, Manager, and Supplier to The Family Business; and will make all grace abound to any servant that calls upon him for assistance in doing the work [2 Corinthians 9:8].

Much of this is for guidance and encouragement along the line of the responsibility Christians have in the work of giving and financially supporting ministry through tithe and offering. God Has Given Unto You; Give Unto God.

Therefore beloved, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; knowing that your labor (work) in the Lord, is not in vain [1 Corinthians 15:58]

*[changed from one to that one. Them is natural speech but "him or her" is proper for them]