



The Power of Doing Good – Message 3

Announcements

SERVE Day 2018 // Saturday, July 14 // This is the last week to register your SERVE Day project at Churchoftheking.com/serveday. Or text SERVEDAY to 25827 to serve as a group or individual.

Warm-up

If you were given a million dollars to donate to any charity or organization (other than church), who would you give it to and why?

Word and Application

We pick up in part three of our series, *Summer Playlist*, with *The Power of Doing Good*. In part one of the series, we discussed the importance of aligning the treasures of our heart with God's heart. Part two of *Summer Playlist* gave us keys to overcome insecurities by having confidence in our true identity in Christ. Today, we explore the impact we have in others, in a community, and in a nation, when we do the good works of God.

Name an individual in history or present-day you admire for the work they have done to help others.

Read Titus 3:1, 8, 14. Why are we commanded to do good works, what is the goal?

God places us daily in positions to serve others through good deeds and acts of kindness. When it comes to maintaining good works, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being fewest good works? What are some excuses we often give for not serving others? Brainstorm as a group for ways to overcome perceived obstacles to doing good works.

Having a wrong mindset can also interfere with our decision to do good. “The need is too great so I can’t possibly make much of a difference.” “What’s the use?” “Someone else will take care of it.” “It’s not my problem.” How does God’s word counter these misperceptions?

Three Keys to Doing Good

Is there a way to live that improves our world, blesses our lives, and enriches others? It’s the way Jesus lived. It’s the way He called all His followers to live, to do good and love people. Let’s take a moment to break down the biblical principle of doing good.

1. Why should we do good?

We should be devoted to doing good because it is our destiny. **Read Acts 10:38** where Jesus models this for us.

Not only does our God love doing good, but He loves expressing His goodness through us, His children. **Read Ephesians 2:10**. What does this truth mean to you personally?

2. Where should I be doing all of these good deeds?

Read Luke 10:30-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Where should someone do good? Just like the Good Samaritan modeled, we do good deeds wherever we are – wherever goodness needs to be done! Share an example of when God presented you with an opportunity to do good.

3. How do I do good?

Read Isaiah 32:8. There are times for strategically-planned generosity, and there are also times of generosity when we are specifically prompted by the Spirit. Both are Spirit-led. What else is God’s Spirit specifically telling you to do about doing good works? What can you do today to respond to God’s command of serving others?

Life Challenge

SERVE Day is the perfect strategically-planned opportunity to do good works. Participate as a group or as an individual on SERVE Day, Saturday, July 14. Text SERVEDAY to 25827 or go to ChurchoftheKing.com/serve to sign up.

Prayer

Ask the Lord to open the eyes to your heart to see daily opportunities to do good works at home, work, school, the grocery store-everywhere. God will give you the capacity and courage in those moments, as long as we are willing. Pray for specific needs in your group.