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- The exercise of physical or mental effort to accomplish a purpose or to produce something, work is commended in the Scriptures.
- Look! The best thing that I myself have seen, which is pretty, is that one should eat and drink and see good for all his hard **work** with which he works hard under the sun for the number of the days of his life that the true God has given him, for that is his portion. ([Ecclesiastes 5:18](#))
- It is a gift of God for man to eat, drink, and see good for all his hard **work**, and it is the divine will that man rejoice in his works.
- And also that every man should eat and indeed drink and see good for all his hard **work**. It is the gift of God. ([Ecclesiastes 3:13](#))
- And I have seen that there is nothing better than that the man should rejoice in his **works**, for that is his portion, because who will bring him in to look on what is going to be after him? ([Ecclesiastes 3:22](#))
- **Work** was not first instituted in man's case after he sinned, for Yehowah gave the perfect, sinless man and woman a work assignment when he commanded them to subdue the earth.
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:28](#))
- However, vain **work** resulted from sin.

- In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
- For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope. (**Romans 8:20**)
- That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
- Under the Mosaic Law, periods of rest from labor were decreed. The Israelites were not to **work** on the weekly Sabbath day.
- Remembering the Sabbath day to hold it sacred. (**Exodus 20:8**)
- You are to render service and you must do all your **work** six days. (**Exodus 20:9**)
- But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any **work**, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates. (**Exodus 20:10**)
- For in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and he proceeded to rest on the seventh day. That is why Yehowah blessed the Sabbath day and proceeded to make it sacred. (**Exodus 20:11**)
- Also, **no sort of laborious work** was to be done at times of holy convention.
- And on the fifteenth day of this month is the festival of unfermented cakes to Yehowah. Seven days you should eat unfermented cakes. (**Leviticus 23:6**)
- On the first day you will have a holy convention occur. No sort of laborious **work** may you do. (**Leviticus 23:7**)
- But you must present an offering made by fire to Yehowah seven days. On the seventh day there will be a holy convention. No sort of laborious **work** may you do. (**Leviticus 23:8**)

- And you must make a proclamation on this very day, there will be a holy convention for yourselves. No sort of laborious **work** may you do. It is a statute to time indefinite in all your dwelling places for your generations. (**Leviticus 23:21**)
- Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; In the seventh month, on the first of the month, there should occur for you a complete rest, a memorial by the trumpet blast, a holy convention. (**Leviticus 23:24**)
- No sort of laborious work may you do, and you must present an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 23:25**)
- Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the festival of booths for seven days to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 23:34**)
- On the first day is a holy convention. No sort of laborious work may you do. (**Leviticus 23:35**)
- Seven days you should present an offering made by fire to Yehowah. On the eighth day there should occur a holy convention for you, and you must present an offering made by fire to Yehowah. It is a solemn assembly. No sort of laborious work may you do. (**Leviticus 23:36**)

· Yehowah And His Son Are Workers

- Yehowah is a **worker** whose works include creation of such things as the heavens, the earth, animals, and man.
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (**Genesis 1:1**)
- Thus the heavens and the earth and all their army came to their completion. (**Genesis 2:1**)
- And by the seventh day God came to the completion of his **work** that he had made, and he proceeded to **rest** on the seventh day from all his work that he had made. (**Genesis 2:2**)
- And God proceeded to bless the seventh day and make it sacred, because on it he has been resting from all his **work** that God has created for the purpose of making. (**Genesis 2:3**)

- You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the **work** of your hands you will have a yearning. (**Job 14:15**)
- When I see your heavens, the **works** of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have prepared. (**Psalms 8:3**)
- What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, and the son of earthling man that you take care of him? (**Psalms 8:4**)
- You also proceeded to make him a little less than godlike ones, and with glory and splendor you then crowned him. (**Psalms 8:5**)
- You make him dominate over the **works** of your hands, everything you have put under his feet. (**Psalms 8:6**)
- Small cattle and oxen, all of them, and also the beasts of the open field. (**Psalms 8:7**)
- The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, anything passing through the paths of the seas. (**Psalms 8:8**)
- The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and of the **work** of his hands the expanse is telling. (**Psalms 19:1**)
- How many your **works** are, O Yehowah! All of them in wisdom you have made. The earth is full of your productions. (**Psalms 104:24**)
- I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am wonderfully made. Your **works** are wonderful, as my soul is very well aware. (**Psalms 139:14**)
- It is fitting to acknowledge the greatness of Yehowah's **works**, extolling and thanking him for them.
- How great your **works** are, O Yehowah! Very deep your thoughts are. (**Psalms 92:5**)
- O let people give thanks to Yehowah for his loving-kindness and for his wonderful **works** to the sons of men. (**Psalms 107:15**)
- Generation after generation will commend your **works**, and about your mighty acts they will tell. (**Psalms 145:4**)

- The glorious splendor of your dignity and the matters of your wonderful **works** I will make my concern. (**Psalms 145:5**)
- And they will talk about the strength of your own fear-inspiring things, and as for your greatness, I will declare it. (**Psalms 145:6**)
- With the mention of the abundance of your goodness they will bubble over, and because of your righteousness they will cry out joyfully. (**Psalms 145:7**)
- Yehowah is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in loving-kindness. (**Psalms 145:8**)
- Yehowah is good to all, and his mercies are over all his **works**. (**Psalms 145:9**)
- All your **works** will laud you, O Yehowah, and your loyal ones will bless you. (**Psalms 145:10**)
- Praise him for his **works** of mightiness. Praise him according to the abundance of his greatness. (**Psalms 150:2**)
- God's **works** are faithful and incomparable, are wrought in wisdom, and are truth and judgment.
- For the word of Yehowah is upright, and all his **work** is in faithfulness. (**Psalms 33:4**)
- There is none like you among the gods, O Yehowah, neither are there any **works** like yours. (**Psalms 86:8**)
- How many your **works** are, O Yehowah! all of them in wisdom you have made. The earth is full of your productions. (**Psalms 104:24**)
- The **works** of his hands are truth and judgment, trustworthy are all the orders he gives. (**Psalms 111:7**)
- Yehowah did a **great work** in effecting the Israelites deliverance from Egyptian bondage and enabling them to take possession of Canaan.
- And the people continued to serve Yehowah all the days of

Joshua and all the days of the older men who extended their days after Joshua and who had seen all of Yehowah's great **work** that he did for Israel. (**Judges 2:7**)

- His **works** sometimes involve the execution of divine judgment.
- Yehowah has opened his storehouse, and he brings forth the weapons of his denunciation. For there is a **work** that the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, has in the land of the Chaldeans. (**Jeremiah 50:25**)
- Thus, through Isaiah, it was foretold:
- For Yehowah will rise up just as at Mount Perazim, he will be agitated just as in the low plain near Gibeon, that he may do his deed, his deed is strange and that he may **work** his work, his work is unusual. (**Isaiah 28:21**)
- Such an **unusual work** took place in **607 B.C.E.** and again in **70 C.E.**, when Yehowah worked, or brought about, the destruction of Jerusalem and her temple.
- See, you people, among the nations, and look on, and stare in amazement at one another. Be amazed, for there is an activity that one is carrying on in your days, which you people will not believe although it is related. (**Habakkuk 1:5**)
- For here I am raising up the Chaldeans, the nation bitter and impetuous, which is going to the wide-open places of earth in order to take possession of residences not belonging to it. (**Habakkuk 1:6**)
- Frightful and fear-inspiring it is. From itself its own justice and its own dignity go forth. (**Habakkuk 1:7**)
- And its horses have proved swifter than leopards, and they have proved fiercer than evening wolves. And its steeds have pawed the ground, and from far away its own steeds come. They fly like the eagle speeding to eat something. (**Habakkuk 1:8**)
- In its entirety it comes for mere violence. The assembling of their faces is as the east wind, and it gathers up captives just like the sand. (**Habakkuk 1:9**)

- Let it therefore be known to you, brothers, that through this One a forgiveness of sins is being published to you. (**Acts of Apostles 13:38**)
- And that from all the things from which you could not be declared guiltless by means of the Law of Moses, everyone who believes is declared guiltless by means of this One. (**Acts of Apostles 13:39**)
- Therefore see to it that what is said in the Prophets does not come upon you. (**Acts of Apostles 13:40**)
- Behold it, you scorers, and wonder at it, and vanish away, because I am **working** a work in your days, a work that you will by no means believe even if anyone relates it to you in detail. (**Acts of Apostles 13:41**)

See Also POWER, POWERFUL WORKS

- Wisdom personified is represented as being beside Yehowah in creative **work** as his master worker.
- I, wisdom, I have resided with shrewdness and I find even the knowledge of thinking abilities. (**Proverbs 8:12**)
- Yehowah himself produced me as the beginning of his way, the earliest of his achievements of long ago. (**Proverbs 8:22**)
- From time indefinite I was installed, from the start, from times earlier than the earth. (**Proverbs 8:23**)
- When there were no watery deeps I was brought forth as with labor pains, when there were no springs heavily charged with water. (**Proverbs 8:24**)
- Before the mountains themselves had been settled down, ahead of the hills, I was brought forth as with labor pains. (**Proverbs 8:25**)
- When as yet he had not made the earth and the open spaces and the first part of the dust masses of the productive land. (**Proverbs 8:26**)
- When he prepared the heavens I was there, when he decreed a

circle upon the face of the watery deep. (**Proverbs 8:27**)

- When he made firm the cloud masses above, when he caused the fountains of the watery deep to be strong. (**Proverbs 8:28**)
- When he set for the sea his decree that the waters themselves should not pass beyond his order, when he decreed the foundations of the earth. (**Proverbs 8:29**)
- Then I came to be beside him as a master **worker**, and I came to be the one he was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time. (**Proverbs 8:30**)
- Being glad at the productive land of his earth, and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men. (**Proverbs 8:31**)
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)
- This one was in the beginning with God. (**John 1:2**)
- All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence (**John 1:3**)
- When on earth as a man, God's wise Son, Jesus Christ, showed that he was a **worker** and that, though material creative works relating to the earth had concluded, Yehowah continued to work, for Jesus said,
- But he answered them; My Father has kept **working** until now, and I keep **working**. (**John 5:17**)
- To Jesus it was as nourishing, satisfying, and refreshing as food to do the **work** he was assigned by Yehowah.
- Jesus said to them; My food is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his **work**. (**John 4:34**)
- But I have the witness greater than that of John, for the very **works** that my Father assigned me to accomplish, the works themselves that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father dispatched me. (**John 5:36**)

- Christ's **works** were done in his Father's name, they were from the Father and showed he was in union with the Father.
- Jesus answered them; I told you, and yet you do not believe. The **works** that I am doing in the name of my Father, these bear witness about me. (**John 10:25**)
- Jesus replied to them; I displayed to you many fine **works** from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me? (**John 10:32**)
- If I am not doing the **works** of my Father, do not believe me. (**John 10:37**)
- But if I am doing them, even though you do not believe me, believe the **works**, in order, that you may come to know and may continue knowing that the Father is in union with me and I am in union with the Father. (**John 10:38**)
- Do you not believe that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me? The things I say to you men I do not speak of my own originality, but the Father who remains in union with me is doing his **works**. (**John 14:10**)
- Believe me that I am in union with the Father and the Father is in union with me, otherwise, believe on account of the **works** themselves. (**John 14:11**)
- If I had not done among them the **works** that no one else did, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated me as well as my Father. (**John 15:24**)
- Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarene, a man publicly shown by God to you through powerful **works** and portents and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know. (**Acts of Apostles 2:22**)
- Jesus successfully finished his God-assigned **work** on earth.
- I have glorified you on the earth, having finished the **work** you have given me to do. (**John 17:4**)
- Jesus said,

- Most truly I say to you, He that exercises faith in me, that one also will do the **works** that I do, and he will do works greater than these, because I am going my way to the Father. (**John 14:12**)
- Evidently, Christ did not mean that his followers would do **works** of a more miraculous kind than he did, for there is no Biblical record that any of them performed a miracle surpassing that of Jesus in raising Lazarus who had been dead for four days.
- Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. (**John 11:38**)
- Jesus said; Take the stone away. Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him; Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days. (**John 11:39**)
- Jesus said to her; Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? (**John 11:40**)
- Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said; Father, I thank you that you have heard me. (**John 11:41**)
- True, I knew that you always hear me, but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order, that they might believe that you sent me forth. (**John 11:42**)
- And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (**John 11:43**)
- The man that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth. Jesus said to them; Loose him and let him go. (**John 11:44**)
- But, since Jesus was going to the Father, and his followers would receive the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of him both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth.
- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit arrives upon you, and you will be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the most distant part of the earth.

(Acts of Apostles 1:8)

- They would cover a greater area and **work** for a longer time than did Jesus, in this sense doing greater works than he did.

.. Necessity Of Working

- Jesus Christ said that **the worker is worthy of his wages**, thereby indicating that those who labored in connection with spiritual matters would not lack necessities of life.
- So stay in that house, eating and drinking the things they provide, for the **worker** is worthy of his wages. Do not be transferring from house to house. (**Luke 10:7**)
- However, as the apostle Paul pointed out to the Thessalonians, the lazy person who refuses to **work** does not deserve to eat at the expense of others but should learn to work with his hands to care for his needs.
- And to make it your aim to live quietly and to mind your own business and **work** with your hands, just as we ordered you. (**1 Thessalonians 4:11**)
- In fact, also, when we were with you, we used to give you this order; If anyone does not want to **work**, neither let him eat. (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**)
- To such persons we give the order and exhortation in the Lord Jesus Christ that by **working** with quietness they should eat food they themselves earn. (**2 Thessalonians 3:12**)
- Likewise, the stealer should **steal no more** but do hard **work**.
- Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do hard **work**, doing with his hands what is good work, that he may have something to distribute to someone in need. (**Ephesians 4:28**)

.. Quality Of The Work Of God's Servants

- When doing any **work**, the servant of Yehowah should remember his relationship with God, doing everything **whole-souled as to Yehowah, and not to men**.

- Whatever you are doing, **work** at it whole-souled as to Yehowah, and not to men. (**Colossians 3:23**)
- This calls for industriousness.
- The one **working** with a slack hand will be of little means, but the hand of the diligent one is what will make one rich. (**Proverbs 10:4**)
- The lazy one is showing himself desirous, but his soul has nothing. However, the very soul of the diligent ones will be made fat. (**Proverbs 13:4**)
- Also, the one showing himself slack in his **work**, he is a brother to the one causing ruin. (**Proverbs 18:9**)

•• **Honesty And Fidelity**

- Manifesting such traits brings glory to God, as is evident from the admonition given to Christian slaves.
- Let slaves be in subjection to their owners in all things, and please them well, not talking back. (**Titus 2:9**)
- Not committing theft, but exhibiting good fidelity to the full, so that they may adorn the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things. (**Titus 2:10**)
- You slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters in a fleshly sense, with fear and trembling in the sincerity of your hearts, as to the Christ. (**Ephesians 6:5**)
- Not by way of eye-service as men pleasers, but as Christ's slaves, doing the will of God whole-souled. (**Ephesians 6:6**)
- Be slaves with good inclinations, as to Yehowah, and not to men. (**Ephesians 6:7**)
- For you know that each one, whatever good he may do, will receive this back from Yehowah, whether he be slave or freeman. (**Ephesians 6:8**)
- Carry on prayer for us, for we trust we have an honest conscience, as we wish to conduct ourselves honestly in all

things. (**Hebrews 13:18**)

.. Proper Evaluation Of Acquisitions

- **Christians should appreciatively look to God for his blessing on their **work** and not be unduly anxious about their material needs. Jesus advised his followers to seek first the Kingdom.**
- **Give us today our bread for this day. (**Matthew 6:11**)**
- **On this account I say to you; Stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear. Does not the soul mean more than food and the body than clothing? (**Matthew 6:25**)**
- **Observe intently the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? (**Matthew 6:26**)**
- **Who of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? (**Matthew 6:27**)**
- **Also, on the matter of clothing, why are you anxious? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they are growing, they do not toil, nor do they spin. (**Matthew 6:28**)**
- **But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. (**Matthew 6:29**)**
- **If, now, God thus clothes the vegetation of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much rather clothe you, you with little faith? (**Matthew 6:30**)**
- **So never be anxious and say; What are we to eat? Or, What are we to drink? Or, What are we to put on? (**Matthew 6:31**)**
- **For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. (**Matthew 6:32**)**
- **Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)**

- **He also urged:**
- **Work**, not for the food that perishes, but for the food that remains for life everlasting, which the Son of man will give you, for upon this one the Father, even God, has put his seal of approval. (**John 6:27**)
- Hence, God's servants wisely view the money and material things obtained as a result of their **work** as subordinate to the much more important spiritual riches. They also use material resources acquired by labor to advance spiritual interests, and they thus make friends with God and Christ.
- For wisdom is for a protection the same as money is for a protection, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom itself preserves alive its owners. (**Ecclesiastes 7:12**)
- Then he said to them; Keep your eyes open and guard against every sort of covetousness, because even when a person has an abundance his life does not result from the things he possesses. (**Luke 12:15**)
- With that he spoke an illustration to them, saying; The land of a certain rich man produced well. (**Luke 12:16**)
- Consequently he began reasoning within himself, saying; What shall I do, now that I have nowhere to gather my crops? (**Luke 12:17**)
- So he said; I will do this; I will tear down my storehouses and build bigger ones, and there I will gather all my grain and all my good things. (**Luke 12:18**)
- And I will say to my soul; Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years, take your ease, eat, drink, enjoy yourself. (**Luke 12:19**)
- But God said to him; Unreasonable one, this night they are demanding your soul from you. Who, then, is to have the things you stored up? (**Luke 12:20**)
- So it goes with the man that lays up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God. (**Luke 12:21**)

- Also, I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the unrighteous riches, so that, when such fail, they may receive you into the everlasting dwelling places. ([Luke 16:9](#))

• Improper Works To Be Avoided

- Yehowah determines which **works** are proper and which works are improper. He will bring every sort of work into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad.
- The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is. Fear the true God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole obligation of man. ([Ecclesiastes 12:13](#))
- For the true God himself will bring every sort of **work** into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad. ([Ecclesiastes 12:14](#))
- God will also deal with each person according to that ones **work**.
- Also loving-kindness belongs to you, O Yehowah, for you yourself pay back to each one according to his **work**. ([Psalms 62:12](#))
- This and especially love for Yehowah God are good reasons for shunning improper **works** and doing works that are pleasing in his sight.
- For this is what the love of God means, that we observe his commandments, and yet his commandments are not burdensome. ([1 John 5:3](#))
- Turn away from what is bad, and do what is good, seek to find peace, and pursue it. ([Psalms 34:14](#))
- O you lovers of Yehowah, hate what is bad. He is guarding the souls of his loyal ones, out of the hand of the wicked ones he delivers them. ([Psalms 97:10](#))
- Search for what is good, and not what is bad, to the end that you people may keep living, and that thus Yehowah the God of armies may come to be with you, just as you have said. ([Amos 5:14](#))
- Hate what is bad, and love what is good, and give justice a place

in the gate. It may be that Yehowah the God of armies will show favor to the remaining ones of Joseph. (**Amos 5:15**)

- To experience divine favor, Christians must avoid the **works** of the flesh, which include such things as fornication, loose conduct, idolatry, practice of spiritism, hatreds, fits of anger, and drunken bouts. Such practices would bar one from inheriting God's Kingdom and are evidently included among the **unfruitful works** that belong to the darkness, works that result in no benefit.

- Now the **works** of the flesh are manifest, and they are fornication, uncleanness, loose conduct. (**Galatians 5:19**)
- Idolatry, practice of spiritism, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, contentions, divisions, sects. (**Galatians 5:20**)
- Envies, drunken bouts, revelries, and things like these. As to these things I am forewarning you, the same way as I did forewarn you, that those who practice such things will not inherit God's kingdom. (**Galatians 5:21**)
- Let fornication and uncleanness of every sort or greediness not even be mentioned among you, just as it befits holy people. (**Ephesians 5:3**)
- Neither shameful conduct nor foolish talking nor obscene jesting, things which are not becoming, but rather the giving of thanks. (**Ephesians 5:4**)
- For you know this, recognizing it for yourselves, that no fornicator or unclean person or greedy person, which means being an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Christ and of God. (**Ephesians 5:5**)
- Let no man deceive you with empty words, for because of the aforesaid things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. (**Ephesians 5:6**)
- Therefore do not become partakers with them. (**Ephesians 5:7**)
- For you were once darkness, but you are now light in connection with the Lord. Go on walking as children of light. (**Ephesians 5:8**)
- For the fruitage of the light consists of every sort of goodness

and righteousness and truth. (**Ephesians 5:9**)

- Keep on making sure of what is acceptable to the Lord. (**Ephesians 5:10**)
- And quit sharing with them in the unfruitful **works** that belong to the darkness, but, rather, even be reproving them. (**Ephesians 5:11**)
- For the things that take place in secret by them it is shameful even to relate. (**Ephesians 5:12**)
- Now all the things that are being reprov'd are made manifest by the light, for everything that is being made manifest is light. (**Ephesians 5:13**)
- Wherefore he says; Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and the Christ will shine upon you. (**Ephesians 5:14**)
- For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have **worked** out the will of the nations when you proceeded in deeds of loose conduct, lusts, excesses with wine, revelries, drinking matches, and illegal idolatries. (**1 Peter 4:3**)
- For he that practices vile things hates the light and does not come to the light, in order, that his **works** may not be reprov'd. (**John 3:20**)
- But he that does what is true comes to the light, in order, that his **works** may be made manifest as having been worked in harmony with God. (**John 3:21**)

.. Proper Works

- Dependence upon Yehowah God is essential if ones **works** are to succeed.
- Unless Yehowah himself builds the house, it is to no avail that its builders have **worked** hard on it. Unless Yehowah himself guards the city, it is to no avail that the guard has kept awake. (**Psalms 127:1**)
- Roll your **works** upon Yehowah himself and your plans will be firmly established. (**Proverbs 16:3**)

- It is God who backs up and strengthens those who **work** at doing his will.
- However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the power beyond what is normal may be God's and not that out of ourselves. (2 Corinthians 4:7)
- For all things I have the **strength** by virtue of him who imparts power to me. (Philippians 4:13)
- Whereas the lives of human's abound with vain **works**,
- And anything that my eyes asked for I did not keep away from them. I did not hold back my heart from any sort of rejoicing, for my heart was joyful because of all my hard **work**, and this came to be my portion from all my hard **work**. (Ecclesiastes 2:10)
- And I, even I, turned toward all the **works** of mine that my hands had done and toward the **hard work** that I had worked hard to accomplish, and, look! Everything was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing of advantage under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 2:11)
- **Works** relating to true worship are not in vain. Hebrew Christians were given the assurance;
- For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your **work** and the love you showed for his name, in that you have ministered to the holy ones and continue ministering. (Hebrews 6:10)
- Such **work** evidently included rendering material assistance or other kindnesses to those in need or to those experiencing suffering and persecution.
- Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do hard **work**, doing with his hands what is good **work**, that he may have something to distribute to someone in need. (Ephesians 4:28)
- Nevertheless, you acted well in becoming sharers with me in my tribulation. (Philippians 4:14)
- In fact, you Philippians, also know that at the start of declaring the Good News, when I departed from Macedonia, not a

congregation took a share with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. (**Philippians 4:15**)

- Because, even in Thessalonica, you sent something to me both once and a second time for my need. (**Philippians 4:16**)
- Not that I am earnestly seeking the gift, but that I am earnestly seeking the fruitage that brings more credit to your account. (**Philippians 4:17**)
- However, I have all things in full and have an abundance. I am filled, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the things from you, a sweet-smelling odor, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. (**Philippians 4:18**)
- In turn, my God will fully supply all your need to the extent of his riches in glory by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 4:19**)
- Give orders to those who are rich in the present system of things not to be high-minded, and to rest their hope, not on uncertain riches, but on God, who furnishes us all things richly for our enjoyment. (**1 Timothy 6:17**)
- To **work** at good, to be rich in fine works, to be liberal, ready to share. (**1 Timothy 6:18**)
- The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this. To look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world. (**James 1:27**)
- Other fine **works** include sharing in making disciples.
- Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 28:19**)
- Teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things. (**Matthew 28:20**)
- For we are God's fellow **workers**. You people are God's field under cultivation, God's building. (**1 Corinthians 3:9**)

- According to the undeserved kindness of God that was given to me, as a wise director of **works** I laid a foundation, but someone else is building on it. But let each one keep watching how he is building on it. (1 Corinthians 3:10)
- For no man can lay any other foundation than what is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)
- Now if anyone builds on the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood materials, hay, stubble. (1 Corinthians 3:12)
- Each ones **work** will become manifest, for the day will show it up, because it will be revealed by means of fire, and the fire itself will prove what sort of work each ones is. (1 Corinthians 3:13)
- If anyones **work** that he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. (1 Corinthians 3:14)
- If anyones **work** is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet, if so, it will be as through fire. (1 Corinthians 3:15)
- And, in the case of men, serving as an overseer in a Christian congregation and teaching fellow believers.
- Now we request you, brothers, to have regard for those who are **working** hard among you and presiding over you in the Lord and admonishing you. (1 Thessalonians 5:12)
- And to give them more than extraordinary consideration in love because of their **work**. Be peaceable with one another. (1 Thessalonians 5:13)
- That statement is faithful. If any man is reaching out for an office of overseer, he is desirous of a fine **work**. (1 Timothy 3:1)
- Let the older men who preside in a fine way be reckoned worthy of double honor, especially those who **work** hard in speaking and teaching. (1 Timothy 5:17)
- Works of the Mosaic Law, which included such things as sacrificial offerings, purifications, and circumcision, did not make a person righteous.

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- That being so, what shall we say about Abraham our forefather according to the flesh? (**Romans 4:1**)
- If, for instance, Abraham were declared righteous as a result of **works**, he would have ground for boasting, but not with God. (**Romans 4:2**)
- For what does the scripture say? Abraham exercised faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness. (**Romans 4:3**)
- Now to the man that **works** the pay is counted, not as an undeserved kindness, but as a debt. (**Romans 4:4**)
- On the other hand, to the man that does not **work** but puts faith in him who declares the ungodly one righteous, his faith is counted as righteousness. (**Romans 4:5**)
- Just as David also speaks of the happiness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from **works**. (**Romans 4:6**)
- Happy are those whose lawless deeds have been pardoned and whose sins have been covered. (**Romans 4:7**)
- Happy is the man whose sin Yehowah will by no means take into account. (**Romans 4:8**)
- Does this happiness, then, come upon circumcised people or also upon uncircumcised people? For we say; His faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. (**Romans 4:9**)
- Under what circumstances, then, was it counted? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. (**Romans 4:10**)
- This alone I want to learn from you. Did you receive the spirit due to **works** of Law or due to a hearing by faith? (**Galatians 3:2**)

- Yet, the disciple James who is not discussing **works** of Mosaic Law says a man is to be declared righteous by **works**, and not by faith alone.
- You see that a man is to be declared righteous by **works**, and not by faith alone. (**James 2:24**)
- For there must be practical **works** that demonstrate ones faith, giving proof of it.
- Not everyone saying to me; Lord, Lord! Will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will. (**Matthew 7:21**)
- Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful **works** in your name? (**Matthew 7:22**)
- And yet then I will confess to them; I never knew you! Get away from me, you **workers** of lawlessness. (**Matthew 7:23**)
- Therefore everyone that hears these sayings of mine and does them will be likened to a discreet man, who built his house upon the rock-mass. (**Matthew 7:24**)
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and lashed against that house, but it did not cave in, for it had been founded upon the rock-mass. (**Matthew 7:25**)
- Furthermore, everyone hearing these sayings of mine and not doing them will be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. (**Matthew 7:26**)
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and struck against that house and it caved in, and its collapse was great. (**Matthew 7:27**)
- By this undeserved kindness, indeed, you have been saved through faith, and this not owing to you, it is God's gift. (**Ephesians 2:8**)
- No, it is not owing to **works**, in order, that no man should have ground for boasting. (**Ephesians 2:9**)

- For we are a product of his **work** and were created in union with Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared in advance for us to walk in them. (**Ephesians 2:10**)
- The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this. To look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world. (**James 1:27**)
- Of what benefit is it, my brothers, if a certain one says he has faith but he does not have **works**? That faith cannot save him, can it? (**James 2:14**)
- If a brother or a sister is in a naked state and lacking the food sufficient for the day. (**James 2:15**)
- Yet a certain one of you says to them; Go in peace, keep warm and well fed, but you do not give them the necessities for their body, of what benefit is it? (**James 2:16**)
- Thus, too, faith, if it does not have **works**, is dead in itself. (**James 2:17**)
- Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (**James 4:4**)
- For example, Abraham had **works** that proved his faith, such as his willingness to offer up Isaac. Rahab also proved her faith by her works of hiding the Israelite spies.
- By faith Abraham, when he was tested, as good as offered up Isaac, and the man that had gladly received the promises attempted to offer up his only-begotten son. (**Hebrews 11:17**)
- Although it had been said to him; What will be called your seed will be through Isaac. (**Hebrews 11:18**)
- But he reckoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead, and from there he did receive him also in an illustrative way. (**Hebrews 11:19**)
- Was not Abraham our father declared righteous by **works** after

he had offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? (**James 2:21**)

- You behold that his faith **worked** along with his works and by his works his faith was perfected. (**James 2:22**)
- And the scripture was fulfilled which says; Abraham put faith in Yehowah, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he came to be called, Yehowah's friend. (**James 2:23**)
- You see that a man is to be declared righteous by **works**, and not by faith alone. (**James 2:24**)
- In the same manner was not also Rahab the harlot declared righteous by **works**, after she had received the messengers hospitably and sent them out by another way? (**James 2:25**)