

Chapter 1 : WORKERS TOGETHER WITH CHRIST | Apostolic Faith, West & Central Africa

Perfect for pastors and leaders in the Church, this practical handbook on how to serve the Lord and how to share the Lord has been inspiring people for over years.

A Gentle Servant 2: We will use a seven-fold division to help explore the beauty and truth of this chapter. The Christian worker is to cultivate a number of qualities. A Discipling Teacher 2: Often there are irregular hours, sensitive problems, difficult personalities, and satanic deceptions. It is not easy to deal with some of the situations that arise in church. It takes special strength many times to helpfully visit someone who is sick, to write a letter to someone who is discouraged, or to teach a Sunday School lesson to a class of squirming children. We must depend on the special strength that only God can give. We are not merely to set our jaws, and grit our teeth, and determine to muster up all the human strength we can develop to do our work. Instead, we are to be inwardly strengthened by finding our resources in the grace of God. When we pray, we speak to God; when we read the Bible, God speaks to us. In verse 2, Timothy is told that the message he had heard from the Apostle Paul is to be imparted to others, and they, in turn, shall teach it to still others. Every father and mother should be discipling teaching, nurturing their sons and daughters in the things of God. Every grandparent should work at developing spiritual nurture in the hearts of their grandchildren, as they have opportunity. A Courageous Soldier 2: He cannot enjoy a life of ease; he must be ready to do what the commander orders. Just so, the Christian worker must not become unduly entangled with the affairs of this world. The dedicated Christian worker must do likewise. This may include eliminating lots of time with a daily newspaper, laying aside the pleasure of owning a boat at the lake, or working at a time-consuming hobby. Christian workers do not always have it easy. Sometimes they must be out in bad weather. It would be much easier to stay at home instead of attending a meeting, or going out to visit someone who is sick, or driving 50 miles to speak at a special service on Wednesday night. The early Methodist circuit-riding preachers knew what inconvenience and hardship were. They encountered savage Indians, raging rivers, and unknown dangers of many kinds. In those days, there was a proverb. The soldier illustrates rigid discipline and courage to stand firmly against the enemy. A Law-Abiding Athlete 2: Every game has its rules. Regardless of how competent athletes may be, unless they adhere to the rules of the game, they will be disqualified. Spiritual warfare has rules too! Our heavenly Coach expects us to keep the great spiritual laws laid down in the Bible. One basic law of Christian warfare is love. This law should keep church members from clobbering each other with ugly criticism and hateful words, and with suspicions about the motives of others. A baseball player in athletic contests would soon be eliminated if he used his bat on fellow players instead of on the ball. Another basic law in the Christian warfare is persistence. They must observe the rules of the game, and they must be willing to train rigorously to excel. Players on high school football fields, in the fall of the year, put all that they have into rigorous training. Sports enthusiasts work hard to develop skills in various areas—throwing a ball into a basket, sliding down a snow-covered slope on two sticks of wood, and chasing a little white ball all over a big green field. Just so, the life of every Christian worker should be one strenuous endeavor to live out the Christian faith during each moment of every day. A Hard-Working Farmer 2: Sometimes he is confronted with poor soil, with bad weather, and with uncertain markets. The life of a farmer is not generally an easy life. The farmer must plow his fields and sow the seed and cultivate the ground. Often, he must work, not by the clock, but when the job needs to be done. Sometimes he gets up before sunrise, and works long after dark in order to get the job done before a change in the weather. The hard-working farmer deserves a share of the crops as part of his reward 2: One who serves Christ, like the farmer, must sow the seed of the Word of God. When the farmer has done his part, he must sit back and wait for the rains, and let the powers of nature produce fruit. More than any other workman, the farmer soon learns that there are no quick results. He must not keep digging up the seed to see if it has sprouted. The weeping sower Psalm He must keep on patiently sowing. The harvest of souls might include members of your own family, or perhaps a neighbor—or maybe a friend you met along the way. The Apostle Paul says that we are to seriously meditate on these things 2: In 2 Timothy 2: We are to remember how Jesus suffered many injustices 2: The promise in 2: If we develop a

settled state of refusing to believe in Christ, then He will deny disown, abandon us 2: The statement in verse 13 promises that God will never go back on His word. He will stick by the pledges He has made—whether it be a pledge to reward the faithful, or a pledge to condemn the sinner. A Diligent Workman 2: Life is too brief and too busy to waste the brain on a lot of insignificant issues. God approves the person who works hard at the study of the Bible. The student will develop the habit of carrying a Bible with him—reading it during the lunch break at work, studying it for a brief time each morning, and memorizing portions while traveling in an automobile, train, or plane. Paul warns again 2: Such empty talk is like a cancer and does much harm. The false teachings of men like Hymenaeus and Philetus are examples of such poisonous infection. These men had misinterpreted the Bible, and injected their own theories about the resurrection. Their teaching did a tremendous amount of damage to the faith of some believers. A Sanctified Vessel 2: To illustrate the importance of living an upright life, Paul speaks of the kinds of dishes and utensils found in the home of a wealthy person. Some of the utensils would be very costly, and prized highly because they are made of gold and silver. The cheaper utensils are made of wood and clay, and are used for taking out the garbage. The point is—that both the valuable dishes and the ordinary dishes need to be kept clean. They must guard against sexual impurity, compromising with wrong, and indulgence in questionable practices. The thought is carried further in 2: Children and youth seem to get a charge out of watching others scratch and claw each other or get bloody noses. Our dealings should be marked by honesty, justice, and fairness. These have been virtues that should be cultivated in the lives of Christian workers. God might use the meek attitude of the Christian worker to help open the hearts of unbelievers, and bring them to repentance 2: The Christian worker must be like a surgeon, not like a butcher. They both use knives, but they use their knives differently. The butcher slashed boldly and rapidly with a long, sharp knife to dismember the carcass. The surgeon cleans his hands, puts on his gloves, studies the patient carefully, and cuts gently and accurately. The Word of God is like a knife Hebrews 4: The purpose of our ministry is to seek to bring people to faith in Christ, not to shock them or cut them up or turn them off. The servant of God can only go so far in seeking to help deliver someone out of the snare of the devil. The Christian worker can initiate the concern, and the Lord will provide a way of escape 1 Corinthians The entire life of each Christian worker should be one strenuous endeavor to live out a biblical faith during each moment of every day. There will be times when we will feel like dropping our training. Sometimes the easy way will seem more attractive. Sometimes the right thing will seem like the hard thing. Sometimes there will be a temptation to relax standards. But when we think we cannot keep going any longer, we must resolve to keep going for another ten minutes, and then another thirty minutes, and then another day. Looking back over the chapter, we can picture a composite portrait of the ideal Christian worker. The servant of Christ is to be:

Chapter 2 : 10 Things young people can do for God.

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By Mike Bennett Talk about Someone who has everything! Finding a gift that will please God can seem challenging! But thankfully the Bible tells us not only what God hates such as in Proverbs 6: And best of all, what pleases God is also what will make us happiest and most satisfied. Have Faith in God. This passage identifies faith—belief in God and believing He will do what He says He will do—as a prerequisite for pleasing God. It also gives a prime example of this kind of faith: Enoch knew that ungodly deeds bring evil results and must be replaced by godly deeds—walking the way God walks—for this world to experience real peace and joy. When we believe in God and believe what He says, we will also be pleasing to Him. Our bimonthly Discern magazine covers issues like this regularly. Digital subscriptions are available worldwide; print subscriptions are currently available in the United States, Canada and much of Europe. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. The Bible contrasts two mind-sets: Thus having the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and leading us is another prerequisite for pleasing God. Leading up to the passage in Romans 8, the apostle Paul explained his own experience with the two mind-sets. Does this please God? God loves to add to His family. The passage praises His mercy, His knowledge He knows the names of all the stars! The Bible tells us to fear God, not because it is good for Him, but because it is good for us to accurately recognize that He is more powerful than anything else. Acknowledging this shows our deep respect for Him. The proper fear and respect of God will motivate us to avoid sin Exodus It reminds us that God will hold us accountable for our actions. Fearing God allows us to rely on Him and revere Him—which can deepen our love for the All-Powerful God who cares enough to stoop down and deliver a puny little human like me! What Does It Mean? Jesus truly was the Son of God, and there is no one who has pleased God more! We should all hear Him and follow His example. His laws and commands are beneficial; and as a result of obeying Him, we grow in godly, righteous character—we become more like Him! The fact that obeying God is pleasing to Him is expressed in various ways throughout the Bible. In fact, the Bible was given to us to show us His will and to help us in a sense read His mind. Studying the Bible, meditating on it and praying about it are keys to gaining deeper understanding of His will. Give the Sacrifice God Wants. We saw earlier that God rejected sacrifices that were gained through disobedience. These reflect His teaching on love expressed in the two great commandments that summarize the rest of His law: And the second is like it: In this life He offers awesome benefits, such as: And in the future, He has an incredible gift in store for His faithful flock: Both are free and available for immediate download. You need this life-changing knowledge today! Choose your preferred format to start your subscription.

How to Work for Christ: Book 1: Personal Work, Chapter 1. By Reuben Archer Torrey. PREFACE. This book is written for both ministers and laymen. It will be of help to the minister in suggesting to him how to make full proof of his own ministry and how to get his people to work.

Learning of Jesus Before Jesus went into Heaven, He gave His disciples the commandment to preach and to spread the Gospel into all the world. Some of His followers had been with Jesus for three and a half years. Jesus was an example to them. Jesus went about doing good [Acts: He taught His disciples and gave them the Sermon on the Mount. The followers of Jesus learned of Him. After Jesus had given the parable of the sower, the disciples asked Him to explain it to them. Jesus told His disciples that many prophets and righteous men desired to know the things that He had taught His followers. A Command When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, He gave them instructions as to what to do. Not only did Jesus tell the disciples what to do but He also gave them power to do it Mathew: Later on, Jesus appointed 70 others to preach the Gospel. These 70 went out to work for the Lord. When they returned, they told that, in the name of the Lord, they had cast devils out of the sick and unsaved. But Jesus told them: To Witness In all these ways Jesus had prepared His followers to spread the Gospel, to teach, and to preach. Jesus told them that He was going away. As His promises are for us today, so are His commandments. God has no other plan for spreading the good news of salvation. That means that we who are saved represent Jesus, the King of kings. Compelled by Love When one is saved it is put into his heart to tell others what the Lord has done for him. The love of God in the heart seems to compel a person to tell others. Everyone may not be able to preach but one who is saved will want to testify and to invite others to the meetings. When one is saved his life is changed. He has been saved to serve the Lord and to be helpful to others. The Lord called Paul to be a preacher. Paul felt that it was necessary for him to do the things that God asked him to do. Paul knew that there would be a reward if he did it willingly. What we have, God has permitted us to have. He has put into our care our lives, our time, our talents, and our possessions. Jesus taught a parable about stewards. It was a parable of the Kingdom of Heaven, in which His servants were required to give an account of what they had received [Matthew: We learn from this parable and other portions of Scripture that someday each one of us will give an account unto God [Romans: Perhaps you will be asked: Has your life been lived for the Lord? Have you given your talents for the glory of God? Have you lived in obedience to God and the Bible? To Be Faithful Along with the privilege of serving God and receiving His many blessings comes the responsibility to share them with others. Those who work willingly for the Lord will receive a great reward. God does not require more than we can do or more than we can give. But He does ask His people to be faithful to Him [1 Corinthians: Even though to you your talents seem very small, God expects you to use them for Him and to gain more. The Lord is the only One who can save a soul. Paul started a church in Corinth before he left there. Then another minister by the name of Apollos preached there to help the people. Paul explains that they must all work together as one. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: One part or member of the body cannot do the work of all. Each member has his part to do. When one part fails, the whole body is affected. As each one is faithful to do his part, the work of the Lord will go on. Are you doing your part? What is a steward? What does God expect of His stewards? What does it mean to be reconciled to God? How can one witness for the Lord? Who will give an account of himself to God? How can we be workers together with God? How can we use our talents for the Lord? Login to post comments.

Chapter 4 : Modeling Christ in the Workplace Through Work Well Done | Blog | The High Calling

Reuben Archer Torrey () was at one time early in his Christian life a higher critic. Yet, during a year of study in Germany, he rejected that philosophy, and he later became one of the leading thinkers among the early Fundamentalists.

Related Media William Carey, often called the father of modern missions, was a shoe cobbler by trade before he went to India. He kept a map of India in his shop, stopping every so often to study and pray over it. Sometimes, because of his preaching ministry, his shoe business suffered. One day a friend admonished him for neglecting his business. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses. Some may be supported so that they work full-time in their ministry. But every Christian, like William Carey, should see their main business as serving God. Since that is the clear teaching of the New Testament, it ought to be of great concern to every Christian to know how to fulfill the ministry God has entrusted to him or her. It seems as if there are droves who are either burning out on ministry because they are exhausted, or bombing out of ministry because of moral failure. So Timothy was in danger of neglecting his ministry 4: Some of you are not involved in any kind of ministry for the Lord. Maybe you burned out, bombed out, or just faded out. Frankly, ministry is battle, and who likes war? In our text, Paul gives us a basic lesson of Christian service that will enable us to fulfill our God-given ministries: Your walk with Christ is the necessary basis for your work for Christ. First, your walk; then, your work. Your work for the Lord must always be the overflow of your walk with the Lord. I define ministry as being full of Jesus Christ and slopping over onto others. That means that your ministry will be backed by a life of integrity; you are imparting to others what you have because you walk in reality with Christ. If we all would learn this simple but profound principle, that our walk with Christ is the necessary basis for our work for Christ, we would avoid burning out, bombing out, and fading out in the work He has given us to do. Pay attention to your walk with Christ. One reason the church is often short of workers is that so many who attend church are not walking in daily reality with the living Lord. They have fallen into the American self-centered way of life. They attend church because it meets some of their personal needs. If it fails to meet their needs, they either shop around for another church that does meet their needs or they stop going altogether. They are living for self and using God and the church to help self be more fulfilled. Sometimes volunteering to serve in the church helps meet a need to feel useful, so they sign up. But even their service has a self-focus. They do it because it meets their needs. If I have just described you, I say to you in love, you are not living the Christian life. The Christian life is not living for self and using God and the church to meet your needs. The Christian life involves denying yourself daily and living under the lordship of Christ. We are no longer our own; we have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again on our behalf 2 Cor. As we live each day with our hope fixed on the living God, He shapes our character in conformity to Christ and then uses our changed lives as a witness of His saving grace so that others come to know Him and grow in Him. So ministry is not volunteering for Jesus, or doing a job because the pastor or the church needs your help. Ministry is based on dying to self and living to please Jesus. God never calls us primarily to a task. Rather, He calls us to Himself. Before I can do something for God I must be something in relationship with God. I can only impart to others in ministry what I possess from my walk. Therefore, the primary responsibility of every believer is to develop godliness through the daily discipline of a walk with the Lord Jesus. Timothy was relatively young when Paul wrote this, about 35 a mere youth from my perspective now! Some of you think 35 is ancient, but in that culture age was more highly regarded than in ours. But Paul also wrote it for Timothy. As James 3 tells us, the tongue can be an instrument for great evil or great good, depending upon whether it is under the control of the flesh or of the Spirit. Instead a godly person will use words to build up others and show them grace: So often, even in Christian homes, family members rip into one another with rotten words and never confess their sinful speech and ask forgiveness. Several years ago Marla and I were at a pastoral couples conference. We had just checked into our room when we could hear through the door into the adjoining room a couple exchanging barbed attacks on each other. This was a pastor and his wife, but they sounded like the kind of destructive speech you hear on the worst TV sitcoms! The man was disqualified for ministry because he was not using

godly speech toward his wife. Walking with the Lord Jesus means bringing your speech under His lordship and judging yourself when you sin with your words. This points to your behavior which should testify to your commitment to Jesus Christ. Honesty, integrity, how you spend your time and money, your priorities, your attitude toward possessions, your personal appearance, the way you maintain your home, the way you treat people—all of these factors should add up to show that Christ is Lord of your life. Love This focuses on your relationships. Biblical love is not a gushy feeling, but rather a self-sacrificing, caring commitment which shows itself in seeking the highest good of the one loved. Paul spells out the qualities of love in 1 Corinthians Each of us should frequently evaluate our conduct toward others, especially in our homes, by that list. Faith This could point to faithfulness or reliability, a fruit of the Spirit. Or, it could point to the faith we are to have toward God. We call ourselves believers, and yet all too often we are not believing believers! But in order to carry on any significant ministry, we must be men and women of faith. We have leaned upon God in our own trials and have proved Him to be faithful. So we can ask and trust God to work in the lives of those to whom we minister. Purity This means moral purity, not just outwardly, but in the thought life. Sexual immorality always begins in the mind. As soon as a wrong thought pops into your mind, you confess it and turn from it. A survey of American pastors revealed that 20 percent view pornographic material at least once a month Leadership [Winter,], p. I believe that a man who yields to viewing pornography at least once a month should not be in leadership until he gains victory. Purity in thought and deed is essential for ministry. Thus your walk with Christ is the necessary basis of any work you do for Christ. Since the Lord wants every member of His body to function in serving Him, pay attention to your walk. But you do need to be growing in each area, bringing every aspect of your life into submission to the lordship of Christ. Then, as you relate to others, you slop over what you have of Christ to them; you are ministering. It requires attention and work as well: Pay attention to your work for Christ. Note the importance of the ministry of the Word in the church assembly: Paul exhorts Timothy not to neglect his gift 4: There is much more that could be said, but I want to point out five things concerning spiritual gifts: God has given every believer at least one gift. You have not been left out. God has gifted you to serve Him. Your gifts will be recognized and confirmed by the Body. Normally, believers receive a spiritual gift at conversion. Of course God can bestow other gifts subsequent to salvation as He deems necessary to equip a person for a specific ministry. So they laid hands on Timothy, prayed for him, and he received the gift of teaching for his task see 2 Tim. God does not normally reveal your gift supernaturally. As you grow in Christ and get involved in serving Him, other believers begin to confirm your gift. Your gifts must be exercised and developed. Even though Timothy received his gift in a rather dramatic fashion, he had to work at developing it. Note the words Paul uses to exhort Timothy to exercise and develop his gift 4: The fire was dying out. The spiritual muscle can atrophy from non-use. You must make a commitment to fulfill the ministry God has given you: As you do certain things, you will narrow down your field of interest and ability until you discover your area of gift. Then concentrate primarily on your area of gift, while remembering that every Christian is responsible to serve in most areas. But you focus in your area of gift. You work hard to develop your ministry skills in that area.

Chapter 5 : How to Work for Christ, Volume 1: Personal Work by R.A. Torrey

Included in this set are all three volumes of Torrey's series on How to Work For Christ, and includes the books Personal Work, Methods of Christian Work, and Preaching and Teaching the Word of God. This is a hugely useful set for anyone wanting to do work for the Kingdom of God. This edition.

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Chapter 6 : How to Work For Christ - Volumes 1, 2, and 3 - Complete series by R.A. Torrey

Ephesians states that God gave to the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service (ministry), to the building up of the body of Christ."

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Christian, and when I told him I was not, he proceeded at once to show me the way of life. I was so startled and impressed to find a traveling man leading others to Christ that I accepted Him as my Savior then and there. He told me if I ever came to Chicago to come to your Bible class. How enormous and wonderful and glorious would be the results if all Christians should begin to be active personal workers to the extent of their ability! Nothing else would do so much to promote a revival in any community, and in the land at large. Every Pastor should urge this duty upon his people, train them for it, and see that they do it. There are but few places where one can preach. There is no place where one cannot do personal work. How often, as we pass factories, engine houses, lodging houses and other places where crowds are gathered, do we wish that we might get into them and preach the Gospel, but generally this is impossible, but it is altogether possible to go in and do personal work. Furthermore, we can do personal work on the street, whether street meetings are allowed or not. We can do personal work in the homes of the poor and in the homes of the rich, in hospitals, workhouses, jails, station houses, and all sorts of institutions -- in a word, everywhere. The times when we can have preaching services and Sunday schools are quite limited. As a rule, in most communities, we cannot have services more than two or three days in the week, and only three or four hours in the day, but personal work can be done seven days in the week, and any time of day or night. Some of the best personal work done in this country in the last twenty years has been done on the streets at midnight and after midnight. Those who love souls have walked the streets looking for wanderers, and have gone into dens of vice seeking the lost sheep, and hundreds upon hundreds of them have thus been found. There are large classes of men that no other method will reach. There are the shut-ins who cannot get out to church, the street-car men, the policemen, railroad conductors, sleeping-car men, firemen, the very poor and the very rich. Some cannot and others will not attend church or cottage meeting or mission meeting, but personal work can reach them all. Preaching is necessarily general; personal work is direct and personal. There is no mistaking who is meant, there is no dodging the arrow, there is no possibility of giving what is said away to some one else. Many whom even so expert a Gospel preacher as Mr. Moody has missed have been afterwards reached by personal work. Even when men are aroused and convicted, and perhaps converted, by a sermon, personal work is necessary to bring out into clear light and into a satisfactory experience one whom the sermon has thus aroused, convicted and converted. One of my best workers told me a few weeks ago that she had attended church for years, and had wanted to become a Christian. She had listened to some of the best-known preachers, and still was unsaved, but the very first inquiry meeting she went into she was saved because some one came and dealt with her personally. There is no comparison whatever between what will be effected by good preaching and what will be effected by constant personal work. Take a church of one hundred members; such a church under an excellent pastor would be considered as doing an exceptionally good work if on an average fifty were added annually to this membership. But suppose that that church was trained to do personal work, and that fifty of the one hundred members actually went at it. Certainly one a month won to Christ by each one would not be a large average. That would be six hundred a year instead of the fifty mentioned above. A church of many members, with the most powerful preaching possible, that depends upon the minister alone to win men to Christ by his preaching, would not accomplish anything like what would be accomplished by a church with a comparatively poor preacher, where the membership generally were personal workers. Back to Reuben Archer Torrey index.

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The Work of Christ Part 1: The Christ of the Cross Galatians 6: Paul says they did it out of love for the world and out of the fear of men. So today, the false teachers of the new heresies have ignored, denied, diverted and perverted the message of the Cross, and have done so for the same reasons. A crucified Savior, dying for the real sins of real people is not popular. He makes us face our sin, and admit to its ugliness. He brings us face-to-face with our spiritual inability, and with the depth of the darkness of our souls. He requires of us to take up our own cross, to deny our selfish desires and live for Him as He died for us. This is not the gospel of ease and enjoyment that people seek to soothe their bruised egos. For believers today, we must glory in the Cross--in the true, biblical act, fact, doctrine, and way of life that emanates from the Cross, and we must live with reference to the world in the way that Paul describes here--the world is crucified to us, and we to the world. We must ask a series of provocative, searching questions about our faith: What is far more important than therapy, miracles, health, wealth, good self-esteem, or correct politics? What event is the one fulcrum, the single pivot point of the history of the universe? What event was the most important battle ever fought and won in the entire history of time? What deed far surpasses all the deeds ever done, even creation itself? What glorious act demonstrates the wrath, justice, sovereignty, truth, love, mercy, and power of God all at once? This act, fact, message, meaning and power of our faith is this and we must personalize these statements to give them the full impact of their Biblical basis: This God-Man lived a perfect life for me. This Perfect Lamb of God demonstrated His own power over nature, sin, Satan, disease, and death for me. This Ruler of the Universe Incarnate was arrested, beaten, tortured, convicted in a kangaroo court, and hung on a cross for me. This Sinless Substitute took my sin upon Himself, suffered the equivalent of eternal Hell, and laid down His own life for me. This Fountain of Life arose from the dead for me. In fact, even in many church circles, the Sinfulness of mankind is one of the great neglected truths. All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God. KJV And, it was this sinfulness that made the Cross necessary. Our first parents were created holy and sinless, but with an ability to choose. The Bible teaches that Adam, as the representative head of that first family, passed two things on to us, his children. First, we have an inherited sin nature. We begin sinning as soon as we are born Psa Secondly, we inherit guilt from the sin of our representative head, Adam Rom 5: This alone condemns us, and we add to that guilt by our own actions as soon as we enter the world. What is more, our sin nature renders us powerless to change our own situation! Because of our innate depravity, we are spiritually blind 2 Cor. What a helpless and hopeless state we are in without the Cross! The Christ of the Cross is our Substitute. The theological term for this is Substitutionary Atonement, and it is one of the most important aspects of the doctrine of the Cross. Christ actually died in the place of sinners--He specifically took the punishment that should have been theirs 2 Cor. How can this be possible, for the death of One to accomplish this? It is possible because He is infinite--He is God, and His blood sacrifice is of infinite worth. His hours of agony began in the garden the night before the crucifixion, and culminated in His death on the cross, when God the Father turned His back on God the Son as the Son bore our sins. His sacrifice for us as our substitute was the equivalent of all who would ever believe in Him or who ever had believed in His promised coming suffering eternal punishment. He endured all that in our place. The law of God demands perfect obedience to the law--Christ is the only One who ever lived who fulfilled that demand. The law demands just punishment for those who sin--He fulfilled that demand as well. The law has been upheld--it is satisfied. The Christ of the Cross is our Propitiation. Christ has done it all by His sacrifice on our behalf--as the old hymn writers have said: What can wash away my sin? What can make me whole again? Died He for me who caused His pain, for me, who Him to death pursued? How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Yes, believers, as the text in Galatians 6 says, we Glory in the Cross!!! Our feelings about the world, our relationship with it, our walk in it, and our increasing detachment from its rule are all determined by the

Cross. As far as Paul was concerned, the world was dead--the praise, advancements, approval of the world were not important. For the Apostle, as for every believer, the world was not his real home--but unlike many of us, he knew it, and he lived like it. Paul proved his allegiance to the rule of the cross. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he have whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But, what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: The world is not to be desired, listened to, followed, or worshipped. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. And I to the world. Does it mean to hide in a desert, to leave humanity behind, or to become a recluse of some type? No, it is a matter of your state of mind and way of life as you live in human society. It is that they view me as accursed, dead, useless, of no influence, of no importance, etc. Women who order their home, their own priorities, their associations, and who raise their young ones in accordance with the teachings of the Scripture will not win the praise of their worldly neighbors. A Church that is valiant for Truth and fervent in its preaching of the Gospel and ministry to the lost will not be popular with the enemies of the Cross, even if those enemies claim to be friends. People of God, Christ calls us to live for Him, if necessary to die for Him, and to follow Him in every way. The great but twisted minds that conceived the great humanistic philosophies that have dominated the 20th century are also dead. Most of the scientists and inventors who laid the foundations for our miracles of 20th century technology are dead. Jesus Christ our Lord. The Bible teaches that His resurrection was a literal bodily resurrection. He literally rose from the grave in a body that was real and physical. You could touch Him, He was recognizable to those who had known Him before the crucifixion and He still bore the scars of His torment Luke The resurrection is mentioned and stressed throughout the New Testament, but as we quoted above, the most important passage in understanding its meaning for us is in 1 Corinthians the whole chapter. The heart of the chapter, however are verses If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. He is risen indeed! The Returning Christ The night was late as the seminary library closed. A stocky young man about 27 years old gathered up his notes and books, stuffed them in an old beat-up case, and trudged out the door. As he studied the conflicting opinions of great Bible scholars, he was completely amazed how these men who agreed on so many other things could be so different on this topic.

Chapter 8 : ALL CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO DO "GOOD DEEDS - GOOD WORKS BUT THEY AREN

Faith works by love, it is the opening of the heart to the entrance of the life of Christ, and, of course, when that life comes in, it will act in the man in a manner appropriate to its origin and source, and he that by faith has been joined to Jesus Christ, and has opened his heart to receive the life of Christ, will, as a matter of course.

Alexander the Great became king before he was thirty years old. Some of the great works of Shelley, Byron, Keats, Chopin, and Mozart were composed when they were teenagers. Hitler and Mussolini built their power on the dedication and energy of young people. Today, Communists make their strongest sales pitch to youth, because they know of the influence and dedication of the young. Now, much of the mission work of the church is being done by young adults. And the church needs consecrated young people. Times are perilous and our cause is the greatest that the world has ever known. The very hope of the human race lies in wise youth committed to high principles. Young people need the church - they need Christ. Those who are indifferent to the way of the Lord are inviting sorrow on their lives and souls. Jesus says to young and old alike, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" Mark 8: Every young person who can understand these commands should obey them. There is nothing you will ever do that will mean so much to you in coming years. Besides the personal satisfaction that moral purity brings, it brings also the blessings of God Matthew 5: Emphasize prayer, study, and righteousness, and they will bless you. Those who follow Christ learn how to do good unto all men, even their enemies. Their lives radiate the beauty of his way Matthew 5: Christianity brings peace with God, peace with others, and peace within. You can be a soul-winner. Your doing so will help you in a thousand ways. The Christian life is not that of a parasites but one of industry and service. Develop your talents for Christian leadership by the sincere and zealous practice of spiritual responsibilities. Temptations and disappointments came to the Lord and they will also come to you. And all who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer some persecution 2 Timothy 3: He will never leave us or forsake us Hebrews Keep your faith and it will keep you. There is great potential in your life. May God bless you as you develop it in His service.

Chapter 9 : 7 Ways to Please God - Life, Hope & Truth

Timothy is told to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (). There is a certain amount of hardship involved in being a worker in the Lord's vineyard. Often there are irregular hours, sensitive problems, difficult personalities, and satanic deceptions.

He was also known to be a committed Christian and man of integrity. Whether on or off the job, he lived in line with a higher moral standard, and he found that higher standard in the Bible. Edwards told me that their CEO was involved in Bible studies for professionals and was intentional about encouraging others to know and love God. He was active in his local church, in missions, and with Covenant Theological Seminary in St. He taught his executive team, managers, and investment advisors to practice the following simple principle: He believed if you took care of the first two, the shareholders would be rewarded. He encouraged his financial advisors to offer only the best products and services in the businessâ€”not just to those that paid the firm or for the advisor with the biggest commissions. Under his stewardship, the company grew from 40 offices to nationwide with a reputation of excellence and integrity. This means we model Christ in the workplace best when we perform our work so well and with such a good attitude that we inspire others to desire to know and worship God. Paul explained it like this: Christians in the workplace should be motivated by our desire to glorify God and to inspire others to desire to know him. Work done well is uncommon, and it will be noticed by our colleagues and clients or patients. God is honored when the products we create and the services we provide are excellent, based on the simple values of care, competence, and consistency. We are to care about the welfare of our clients. We are to pursue a high level of competency to enable us to deliver high quality products and services. And we should be consistent in our pursuit of excellence. And those who have turned their back on the church and Christianity, perhaps due to a previous bad experience with other Christians, may be influenced to reconsider Christianity. They talk about morality and Christian stuff, but their work is lousy and their attitudes are poor. They may deliver poor product to the client or treat clients poorly or complain about their jobs or slander colleagues. Such negative behavior hurts workplace morale, undermines work relationships, and adversely affects clients. Instead, we are called to serve our clients with excellence. We are working for him, and therefore our work should be good. Clients should be able to clearly see the quality and value of our goods and services. The key to bringing the culture and the church back together, to renewing the workplace and reforming the churchâ€”may well be a movement of people who are known for their hard work, for the excellence of their effort, for their honesty and unswerving integrity, for their concern for the rights and welfare of people, for the quality of the goods and services produced, for their leadership among coworkersâ€”in short, for their Christ-likeness on and off the job. What could an army of such workers accomplish? Doing excellent work with a good attitude is the right thing to do, and it is an excellent way to let our light shine on a hill so others may see it. Questions for personal reflection, online discussion, or small groups: Who do you consider your boss? How can you work for that person as if working for the Lord? How can we accept responsibility for doing good work with a good attitude, without rationalizing our way to workaholism and burn out? Help us finish the year strong. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in this work!