I. Created in Christ Jesus Unto Good Works

1. We must ever be mindful of the fact God created us in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph. 2:10).
   a. Sin killed us all but God made us alive in Christ (Eph. 2:1-7).
   b. God's grace enabled our salvation through faith (Eph. 2:8).
   c. Not of manmade works (Eph. 2:9; cf. Tt. 3:5).
2. Christians are God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10).
   a. workmanship (*poiema* G4161 noun) **that which is made, *work, creation***, in our literature only of the works of divine creation…Of Christians…*we are (God's) creation*, i.e. *(God) has made us what we are* (BDAG 842).
   b. The plan was always to conform us to the image of His Son (Eph. 1:3-7, 3:9-11; Rm. 8:29).
   c. Thus, we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works.
   d. We have then only to look at what Christ did and taught to see what good we should be involved in.

II. Follow the Good Master

1. We know Christ went about doing good (Ac. 10:38).
   a. He preached the gospel (Mk. 1:14-15).
   b. He called others to preach the gospel (Mk. 1:16-18).
   c. He cast out demons (Mk. 1:21-27).
   d. He healed the sick (Mk. 1:29-31).
   e. He prayed (Mk. 1:35).
   f. He kept busy in doing the will of His Father (Mk. 1:36-38).
   g. He gave to the poor (Jn. 13:29).
   h. We do not know the half of what all Jesus did (Jn. 21:25).
2. Christ taught the importance of doing good.
   a. With physical needs (Mt. 25:33-46).
   b. With spiritual needs (Mt. 28:18-20).
   c. Enemies are included (Mt. 5:43-48; cf. Rm. 12:19-21).

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III. Collectively Doing Good

1. We can all individually do good but what about collectively as a congregation?
   a. God is glorified in the church (Eph. 3:21).
   b. The church is made up of many members but is **one** body (1 Cor. 12:12-14).
   c. Collectively we give in order to carry out the work God has given us to do (1 Cor. 16:1-2).
2. We (collectively), as we have opportunity, do good to all people (Gal. 6:10).
   a. This also implies ability (2 Cor. 8:12).
   b. We are to be careful to maintain good works which are good and profitable unto **all** people (Tt. 3:8).
3. Practice pure religion (Jm. 1:27).
   a. The fatherless (orphans) can only be taken care of in a home (Ps. 68:6).
   b. Widows are to be first taken care of by their children or grandchildren (1 Tim. 5:3-4, 16).
   c. If she is qualified as a widow indeed, then she can be helped by the church collectively (1 Tim. 5:5, 9-10, 16).