

YOUR WORKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

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Intro:

I recently finished reading the book of Job. In the book, Job's, three buddies, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, spend much time surmising and trying to convince Job that must have committed some grievous sin because of all that had befallen him.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that all that befell Job was supernatural, and not just a coincidence. Think of what happened to him.

1. 1:15 Sabeans came and stole all his oxen and asses and killed his servants.
2. 1:16 All his sheep and shepherds killed by fire from heaven.
3. 1:17 Chaldeans stole his Camels and killed his servants.
4. 1:18 All his children killed in a great wind 7 sons 3 daughters.

Imagine if you were out shopping one day, and when you returned home you found your house burnt As you were watching the flames go up, someone comes and tells you that all your children were at a family get together and they were killed in a terrorist attack. Then you got a notice on your phone that someone hacked into all your bank accounts and wiped out everything from your accounts. Let's say you had a successful business, then one of your employees came to you and said a twister came down on your business and destroyed the building with everything and everyone in it. I would dare to say, you might say, I am having a bad day.

This was Job's plight. He was also the richest man in his country at the time.

There is no doubt that all this coming on him in one day was not a coincidence. It obviously was from God!

Now the whole book of Job is a narrative between Job and his three friends about why this happened to him. Basically Job was saying there was no reason for it, God did it and he was innocent. His three friends said, that can't be, you must have done something wrong. Then the youngest one, a fellow by the name of Elihu said, Job I don't know why it happened but one thing I know is all of you are wrong.

Then God pipes in and answers Job. In His answer, God basically declares who He is by His works. God's works speak for themselves. Who are we to argue against God? He made us and made all things.

Romans 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Romans 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

As I meditated on the great works of God and His discourse with Job, basically saying, I am this mighty God and there are things going on behind the scenes, Job, that you are not aware of. In the end, who can argue with God when you observe His power and His works. His works speak for themselves.

Then as I thought on this I realized our works speak for themselves also.

So this morning I want to speak to you on this subject:

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Think on this:

As we look at our text this morning we find this statement:

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I. YOUR WORKS DECLARE IF YOU ARE SPIRITUAL OR CARNAL.

Paul says, if you see someone doing something wrong, committing sin, ye that are spiritual restore such a one.

What does he mean, ye who are spiritual? Your works declare if you are spiritual or not.

Romans 2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

Romans 2:22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Romans 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

Romans 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

You profess to be a Christian, do you act like a Christian?

You profess to be a child of God do you act like God?

You actions speak for themselves.

It's like the guy that wanted me to go soul winning with him. I said, I can't! Who wants what you have? Your life is a mess. Your works speak louder than your words.

One of our men asked me to go visit a dying relative. I took my Bible with me as usual, and as I began to open my Bible, the lady said, no I don't want to hear that. I said, ok, but can I show you a picture of my children. She said, oh yeah, I would love to see a picture of your children. It just happened that I had a tract at the time with a picture of my family when I first came to the church and a recent picture. I said this is a picture of my oldest daughter when we first came to the church many years ago, she was just a baby, here is picture of our family now, I showed said, you know before I knew the Lord none of this would be possible. I am so glad I gave my heart to the Lord and He called me to be a Pastor. Look at the blessings he has given me, my children, my family. Then I began to share the blessings God gave me by trusting in Him. I shared my testimony, and in my testimony I shared the gospel without ever opening the Bible.

II Corinthians 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

II Corinthians 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Your works speak for themselves. People are reading your life. They can observe your life. Your works speak for themselves.

If you are filled with the works of the flesh you are carnal.

If you are filled with the works of the spirit you are spiritual.

YE WHO ARE SPIRITUAL ARE QUALIFIED TO HELP OTHERS TO BE SPIRITUAL.

If you are involved in these works you are carnal:

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1. YOUR EVIL WORKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

A. WHEN WE LIVE UNCLEAN LIVES THAT PROVES WE ARE NOT SPIRITUAL.

If you are living in adultery, or fornication, or uncleanness, lasciviousness can you help others who are immoral?

The word lasciviousness includes the idea of being crude, filthy, and vulgar.

As Christians we ought to watch our actions, which includes the way we talk and act. Part of our works is the way we talk!

Words are important, and there is a certain way of talking that is of the world and crude. As Christians we need to bridle our tongues.

We need to have biblical speech.

When we talk about hell it is to warn people not to go there not to use it as an expression.

When we talk about Jesus it is to witness not to use His name in vain.

When we talk about God it should be reverently, not just as an expression.

If we say Oh My God we better be praying to Him and not vainly using that phrase as an expression of frustration.

The spirit of God will lead you to clean up your tongue.

I Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God;

James 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

James 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

James 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

James 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

James 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

For about 1 year, in between seminary and coming to this church, I worked a full time sales job. I worked with the vice president of the company. One day he said to me, you know, my wife said to me you were working with Frank Bissol today. He said, how do you know? Because I notice you don't curse as much when you are around him. People need to notice that you talk different.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

B. WHEN WE ARE INVOLVED IN IDOLATRY AND WITCHCRAFT WE PROVE WE ARE CARNAL.

Idolatry is putting things before God.

Witchcraft is occult activities and fetishes.

C. WHEN WE ARE FULL OF HATE, VARIANCE, ENVY, WRATH, STRIFE, SEDITIONS, ETC.

These works speak for themselves. A spiritual person is not a person who is always picking a fight. A spiritual person is not a person filled with anger, hate, etc.. A person who flies off the handle.

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D. A Carnal Person is Full of Heresies: the word heresies means divisive opinions.

We all need to speak the same thing: That same thing is what the Bible says, not what you think, not what I think. Let us subject our opinions to the Bible.

I Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Do you know where heresies started?

It started in the garden of Eden when the devil said ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil. A heresy is when your idea becomes your authority. You become god so to speak. You know what is right and wrong.

A Christian should say, God said it, I believe it, and that settles it!
Our authority is the Bible and the Bible alone!

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E. WHEN YOU ARE FILLED WITH ENVY AND MURDER AND HATE, YOUR ACTIONS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

Ken Knapp told me he was pastoring a church where one of the trustees came into a meeting one time and Ken said, to the trustee about a certain person in the church we need to love each other and we need to love that person. This trustee said to Ken, I don't love him I hate him. I told Ken that trustee needs to be removed from his position. In fact if he doesn't repent of what he said, he should be disciplined out of the church. I told Ken, to pastor that church there needs to be a house cleaning. '

The Bible teaches we should love one another.

I John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Look, when the day comes that a Pastor is afraid of telling the truth for fear of losing his job as a pastor, that is the day that he can no longer Pastor. I don't care who it is, the Bible says we need to love one another. The church cannot be a place of fighting and bickering, and contention and hate. If these are the kind of works that prevail in the church who will want to be part of the ministry?

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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F. Finally, if you are involved in drunkenness and revellings your works speak for themselves.

The Bible commands us to be sober, and there is one purpose and one purpose alone for alcoholic beverages, and that is to dull your senses. The Bible has nothing good to say about it.

I used to make a living in the liquor business. God used that to bring me to Christ. I saw what drunkenness does to people, homes, families. I decided I wanted nothing to do with it.

What does the word revellings mean?

It means to party, to go out on the town, in our day it means to go clubbing.

I had a cousin who was married to a homebody, and his friends said to him come on, lets go out on the town and enjoy life, come with us to such and such a night club. Finally they persuaded him and he went with them. A fight broke out that night, and the bouncer thought he was part of it. The night club was on a second story building and the bouncer threw my cousin's husband down the steps. He suffered a head injury and was never the same. He started to have depression, which lead to their divorce. All because someone suggested it would be good for him to do some reveling!

These evil works speak for themselves!

2. BUT YOUR SPIRITUAL WORKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, DECLARING YOU TO BE SPIRITUAL.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

A. WHEN A PERSON IS FILLED WITH LOVE, THIS PROVES THEY ARE SPIRITUAL.

THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

I Cor. 13 gives the biblical characteristics of love:

Years ago we had a song that we sang about the characteristics of love from I Cor. 13. It would be good to memorize these. The song goes like this:

Charity if suffereth long and Charity is kind.
Charity it envieth not and vaunteth not itself.
Is not puffed up or unseemly seeketh not her own.
Is not easily provoked and thinketh no evil.
Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth.
Beareth believeth hopeth all things endureth all things too.
Now abideth faith and hope and charity these three.
But the greatest of these three is love or charity.

Meditate on in, memorize it, make it part of your life. Do you walk in love? If you do, your works will speak for themselves.

**B. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS JOY.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.**

Is God giving you joy? There is no greater joy than seeing God work in your life and answering your prayers.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**C. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT PEACE.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.**

We see a lot of people who's lives are filled with conflict, with strife, with contention. GOD HAS CALLED US TO PEACE.

Is your home a place of peace?

I want our church to be a place of peace.
I want my home to be a place of peace.

Do you know why there is no peace in our nation today?
Why there is all this fighting in Washington? It is because we have leaders who do not have the fruit of the spirit.

**D. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LONGSUFFERING.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.**

What does longsuffering mean? It means just what it says, to suffer long.
The opposite would be to have a short fuse, to be a hot head, to fly off the handle.

When you suffer long that work cannot be denied! It speaks volumes about you.

E. GENTLENESS.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

II Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

II Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

F. GOODNESS.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

G. FAITH.
THIS GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

Do you know that faith is trusting in God?

Question is where is your faith?

What is the greatest evidence of your faith?

Faith believes God. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God.

In others words people of faith hear the Bible.

They believe the Bible.

The obey the Bible.

Do you want to see examples of people of faith? Read Hebrews Chapter 11.

By faith Abel offered up a proper sacrifice.

By faith Noah built an ark.

Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees to seek a city built by God.

Sarah had a child.

Abraham offered up Isaac. Do you know, we have so many people are afraid of losing their children that they cling to them and lose them. Abraham offered Isaac up and kept and protected him. Offer your children to God a living sacrifice.

By faith Moses was willing to suffer affliction rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Daniel, was a man of faith.

**H. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS MEEKNESS TEMPERANCE.
THE GOOD WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.**

Can any of us be proud as we read this blessed book and compare ourselves with the great men of God that have gone before us?

We need to live a holy temperate life.

NOW YOUR WORKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

If you are carnal your carnal works declare your carnal.
If you are spiritual your spiritual works declare your spiritual.

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Now if you see a fault in someone and it is really bothering you, help them, but consider this, ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL? DO YOU HAVE THE SAME FAULT? How can you help someone when you cannot help yourself?

My wife went to Dr. Hess, a professor of counseling and psychology at Baptist Bible College, when we were students. She said, Dr. Hess can you help me? He said, what can I do for you? She said, I have a weight problem and really need help. Dr. Hess looked at her and said, if you find the answer let me know I have the same problem.

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In meekness considering thyself lest thou also be tempted.

I had a lady that once said to me Pastor I never get colds. I looked at her and said, watch out don't boast. The next week she had a cold.

Consider yourself lest thou also be tempted.

Many times the reason someone else's fault bothers you so much is because you have the same fault. When you get angry about their fault this is the sure sign that deep down you have this fault. A spiritual person will seek to restore a person in meekness, not out of contention and strife. Striving with people will get you nowhere.

II. YOUR WORKS DECLARE IF YOU ARE A GIVER OR A TAKER.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Are you a burden bearer or a burden maker?

Are you a giver or are you a taker?

I John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

One of the good works that others will see and will speak volumes about you is what you give to others.

Jesus came to this planet to give. He gave His life for us. Can we not show this same spirit of love?

Now there are some that will come and take advantage of this spirit of love.

Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Judas crept in amongst the disciples because he was a thief.

Now there will always be those, but as long as the spiritual temperature of the church is high enough such people will not last long.

I John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

We should not let these people discourage us from doing what the lord told us to do!

We are living in a day where people are self centered and do not have this virtue of giving and sharing.

The Bible has much to say about giving, sharing, helping others, and serving rather than being served.

The main purpose of the local church is to get you to exercise your spiritual gifts.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

We see a movement today of people forsaking the assembling of themselves together. The thought is we can stay home and study the Bible, we can listen to sermons on the internet. Yeah that is good and they are good resources and we should be doing those things but the purpose of getting together in the church is to serve the Lord together.

How can you love others by staying home?
How can you do good works by staying home?
How can you show love to others by staying home?
Can you encourage others by staying home?

God did not save you so you can be comfy in this world.

Jesus said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me.. "

The word witness comes from the greek word Martureo.. from which we get the word Martyr Martus

G3140martureo, mar-too-reh'-o; from 3144; to be a witness, i.e. testify (lit. or fig.): -charge, give evidence, bear record, have (obtain, of) good (honest) report, be well reported of, testify, give (have) testimony, (be, bear, give, obtain) witness.

bare barest bear bearest beareth gave obtained record report reported testified testifieth testify testifying testimony well witness witnessed witnesses

The greek word for Martyr is Martus it simply means to bear record or witness to:

What kind of witness are you to others if you are not an active member of a New Testament Church?

The Church is place where we combine our resources to be an effective witness for the Lord.

The Church is a place where you channel your giving to the Lord, the Lord said bring all your tithes to the store house.

The Church is a place where you learn about the needs of other Christians and can pray for them and help them.

The Church is a place of admonition and provocation to encourage you to go out into this world and live for Jesus.

The Church is a place where you are to give.

Early Christians risked their lives for the privilege of assembling together.

There are Christians around the world that have been imprisoned for going to church.

There are missionaries that have gotten sick and died on the mission field in order to start New Testament churches.

Now will we neglect such a privilege as assembling ourselves together for our own welfare and comfort?

I see such shallow commitments on the part of Christians today it makes me cringe.

Do you know the Lord said to the church of Smyrna:

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

Whole families were martyred in the early days of the church, to be witnesses of Jesus.

Christians were thrown into the lion den.

Burnt at the stake.

Crucified.

Millions have died.

And now we live in such a great country where we have the freedom to go to church and people choose to stay home,

AGAIN ARE WE GIVING OR ARE WE TAKING?

I see less and less people serving.

I see less and less people sacrificing for the Lord.

The Church is a place where we are to: Bear each other burdens.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Will we now forsake His church for our own comforts and well being?

What is Jesus had that attitude would he have ever gone to the cross?

Paul could have said it's time to retire, I am tired of being cast into prisons.

Stephen could have said, maybe I better not witness of Jesus people are getting upset at me.

Daniel could have said, maybe I can skip praying three times a day today it is getting dangerous to let people see me worship God.

Jeremiah could have said, I better stop preaching they are going to put me in a dungeon.

Isaiah was sawn in half in the streets of Jerusalem.

Peter was crucified upside down.

John was cast away to the Isle of Pathmos where he wrote Revelation.

Why didn't they all stay home, stay quiet?

Do you know who the real church is? It is made up of those who stay true to the Lord in the hard times.

Every time you take time to assemble yourselves together, that work is speaking volumes to others. Your work is speaking loud and clear!

Every time you skip assembling yourself together for whatever, that work is speaking loud and clear also.

Your works speak loud and clear.

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The motivation for this message was that when I read the Lord's response to Job I noticed He answered him by declaring His works.

He said,

In Job Chapter 38:

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

The Lord answered Job by pointing out His works.

God deserves to be magnified because of who He is and what He has done.

He created us, we are answerable to Him, He is not answerable to us!

His whole dialogue with Job is just a diatribe of His works.

A person's works are his words. It is not fact and a persons works speak for themselves.

If we are honest, our works are so inferior to God's works. What do we do? When Solomon looked at all his works he cried out vanity vanity vanity all is vanity..

God made this planet self sustaining, could you imagine building a home that is self sustaining? Cleans itself, mows it's own lawn, fixes it's own roof?

Solomon realized that all that he built was going to decay and rot because there was no one after him who would be able to maintain it.

Galatians 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Your works prove who you are and what your value is.

Words are cheap. Some people are quick to say, I could do this, I could do that, and then when it comes time to do it, they say HOW CAN I DO THAT?

I had a preacher friend that played the piano really well, and was complaining about finances. I said to him let me teach you how to tune pianos, and maybe you can make a little extra money as you travel from church to church. The preacher said, what will I say to people when they ask me how did you learn that, or how do we know you can do it? I said, People never ask me that, because as soon as I walk into the house I get right to it, and start doing what they paid me to do. When people hire you to do something they don't want to hear a bunch of talk, they want to see you get to work and get the job done.

Your works speak.

The Lord said, look at my works Job are you now going to teach me?

We were building my house and we were looking into getting a textured ceiling. I went to a house to tune a piano and I looked up at their ceiling, and I said, who did your ceiling? The Lady said a man by the name of Pete Goff. I said I know that name. I went home and looked him up and called him to come and give me a price on doing my ceiling. I didn't need a recommendation, I say his work. It spoke for itself.

Years ago, I had a huge guy helping me move pianos, he was a weight lifter and had tremendous strength. He and I used to move pianos up steps, everywhere. He had one problem, he talked too much. Finally I had to let him go because he had a problem with lying, and telling half truths.

The last Job I did with him, the client said to us, do you guys know what you're doing? My helper snapped back and I cringed. The man hired us to move a Grand Piano into his garage for storage and then wanted to call us back after his house was done to bring it back and set it up.

After that job, I sat down my three teen age children, Shar, Joe and Melody. I said to them, "You three kids are at least as strong as this other fellow.." Now we are going to start moving pianos as a family team. Now I said to them, people are going to question if you guys know what you're doing. So here is what we are going to do, First of all do not say anything, immediately everyone do your jobs. I outlined what we would be doing how we did it, and I said now each time do it the same exact way. When they got done a job we would discuss any mistakes they made and how could improve.

About a month passed and we went back to the customer that questioned me and the professional weight lifter mover about our competence. When I pulled up I said hello, we went right into the garage, and in a few minutes we loaded the piano strapped it while the whole time the customer watched us. After we closed the door to the trailer, the client said, "IT IS SO GOOD TO WATCH PEOPLE WORK WHO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING..." What was the difference?

WE LET OUR WORK SPEAK AND NOT OUR MOUTHS. BUT I NEED TO TELL YOU MY KIDS DO A LOT OF TALKING, BUT I INSISTED THERE WOULD BE NONE OF IT ON THE JOB!

Galatians 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

1. OUR WORK NEEDS TO BE PROVED BY THE QUALITY OF THE WORKS.

Those who talk a lot and do not do, usually are nothing and are full of deception. People who know how to work do little talking.

Look do you know the reason God does not speak to you audibly? The reason is He has spoken enough through His works that abound around you.

Psalms 19 says,

Psalms 19:1 {To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.} The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Psalms 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Psalms 19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Their line should be read in every language, every tongue, every people.

It is like that ceiling that Pete Goff did for that lady, I looked up and I said, who did that? The reason I admired it was because it was not your typical random patterns you see in houses, it had straight lines, and beautiful patterns. I said, that is what I want for my house.

If you cannot look up at the heavens and appreciate the beauty of God's creation and say, I need to know more about this one who put all this together, than there is no hope for you.

In fact, that is the answer to what about the heathen who never heard the gospel. Paul answers this argument by quoting Psalm 19:

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Your works are a billboard to everyone about who you are, and your greatest work is not with material things but with spiritual. However, that is not to say the material things are not important.

People need to see that our faith is profitable for all things.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

2. LET YOUR WORKS PRAISE YOU NOT YOUR MOUTH.

Prove your work, and let your work praise you.

Matthew Henry Says:

By our own work is chiefly meant our own actions or behaviour. These the apostle directs us to prove, that is seriously and impartially to examine them by the rule of God's word, to see whether or no they are agreeable to it, and therefore such as God and conscience do approve. This he represents as the duty of every man; instead of being forward to judge and censure others, it would much more become us to search and try our own ways; our business lies more at home than abroad, with ourselves than with other men, for what have we to do to judge another man's servant? From the connection of this exhortation with what goes before it appears that if Christians did duly employ themselves in this work they might easily discover those defects and failings in themselves which would soon convince them how little reason they have either to be conceited of themselves or severe in their censures of others; and so it gives us occasion to observe that the best way to keep us from being proud of ourselves is to prove our own selves: the better we are acquainted with our own hearts and ways, the less liable shall we be to despise and the more disposed to compassionate and help others under their infirmities and afflictions. That we may be persuaded to this necessary and profitable duty of proving our own work, the apostle urges two considerations very proper for this purpose: -

Galatians 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

3. YOUR WORKS CANNOT BE DENIED.

I Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

I Timothy 5:25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Jesus constantly pointed to His good works as evidence that He was of God!

4. YOUR WORKS AND GOD WORKING IN YOU ARE WHAT GIVES YOU CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

One of the reasons people doubt they are saved is because they have no good works to back up their profession.

5. YOUR WORKS WILL BE WHAT YOU WILL BE JUDGED ON SOME DAY.

Galatians 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

You will reap what you sow.

Each of us are responsible for our own work that God has given us, this is the burden this verse is talking about.

Upon first glance you might think there is a contradiction.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

The burden of 6:2 is talking about the needs of others, where we are responsible to love our brother and help each other. This is a good work we can do.

The burden of 6:5 is the work you are called to do. You are responsible to serve the Lord and you cannot pawn that off on others.

When you think of working, you think of carrying something, that carrying, that load you have to bear is your work. No one can do it for you. God has given it to you to bear.

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Let every man bear the burden of the work God has called you to do. The good works he has laid on your lap to perform. Work means work, and it is not work unless there is some labor involved, that labor, is what is being referred to as the burden you need to bear. Let every man bear it!

Jesus said,

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

God says, when you are laboring for the Lord you should find it easy and light. If that burden is overwhelming something is wrong.

I John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Why is it that some people find it grievous to do some things while other enjoy it. My kids enjoyed working for me, it was not grievous.

One day I was out with my kids, moving a piano, and a little kid came up to me and said, "mister, mister, do you like your work.. " I said, yes I do. He looked at me and said, I wouldn't. Sure it's work but it was not overwhelming, or overbearing and a grievous burden, it was light. Maybe it was because who we were doing it with. My kids would far rather go out moving pianos with me than stay home and do home school.

Now, the Lord says, when you serve me, when you're doing it for me, there will be a burden there will be a yoke, there will be fields to plow for me, but that burden will be easy and light. WHY? The reason it will be easy is because God will be there to direct you and help you.

Truth is I taught Joe and Shar how to tune pianos, but they didn't like it as much. The reason why, they had to do it alone. It was harder.

Look, it should be a joy to come to church to serve the Lord together. You are not alone in serving the Lord. Therefore the burden should be easy and light.

There is a work to do, there is a burden to carry, let every man bear his own burden. But that burden will be lighter if you are doing for and with the Lord by your side, and with God's people providing comradery in the process.

Conclusion:

Your works speak for themselves.

- I. YOUR WORKS SHOW IF YOU ARE SPIRITUAL OR CARNAL.**
- II. YOUR WORKS SHOW WHETHER YOU ARE A GIVER OR A TAKER.**
- III, YOUR WORKS WILL PRAISE YOU OR CONDEMN YOU.**

Judgment day is coming and someday you will be judged by your works everything you do is either good or evil, a good work or a bad work.

For the Christian, eternal rewards will be based off of your good works.
There will be degrees of reward. In that day your works will declare your reward.

For the non Christian, because you rejected Christ's payment for your sins, you will have to pay for all the evil works you have done.
In that day there will be degrees of punishment based off of your works.

In that day your works will speak for themselves.

The only good work you can do to avoid eternal judgement, is to receive Christ as your Lord and saviour and that is not a work, but an act of faith and trust and devotion.

Give your heart to Christ and then the Bible says, you will be His workmanship created unto good works!

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.