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## What are the good works that God calls us to do?

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Steve Jobs:

*“Your work is going to full a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it.”*

### The wrong questions to begin with

David Murray:

What do I want to do?  
What will make me the most money?  
What will make me happy?  
What do other people want me to do?

### The right questions to begin with

David Murray:

What talents has God given you?  
What desires and interests has God given you?  
What opportunities has God given you?  
What responsibilities has God given you?  
What encouragements has God given you?  
What rules has God given you?  
What advice has God given you?

Application: **What are the good works which God wants you to do?**

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## Introduction

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### Godly men aim to glorify God

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God?” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

### We learn how to do this from THE godly man

Jesus read the Bible, prayed, loved the church, slept, and He rested.

Jesus also worked.

He worked as a carpenter.

“Isn’t this the carpenter...?” (Mark 6:3)

He worked to glorify God by fulfilling the law’s demands and by paying its penalty.

“I have glorified you on the earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” (John 17:4)

### About your work

Q: What work do you/did you do?

Q: Why do you/did you do this work?

Q: Was there other work that you would have liked to have done?

Q: Why didn’t you do that work?

## Godly men know what work they are called to do

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### What does God call us to do?

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#### God calls us to trust in Christ

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32)

“God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)

#### God calls us to live holy lives

“Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received.” (Ephesians 4:1)

“We encouraged, comforted, and implored each one of you to walk worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.” (1 Thessalonians 2:12)

#### God calls us to do good works

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

#### R Paul Stevens:

*“Vocation is much more than simply working. It is the summons of God to belong to him, to live God’s way, and to do God’s work in the world.”*

#### William Boekestein:

*“Vocation is taking your skills and applying them to the plot of life God has given you.”*

Q: What is the good we are to do?

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.” (Genesis 1:26-28)

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“Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

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Q: How do we obey both the Creation Mandate (Genesis 1:26-28) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in our everyday lives? Do we need to separate the two?

“What then should we do?” the crowds were asking him. He replied to them, “The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same.” Tax collectors also came to be baptised, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He told them, “Don’t collect any more than what you have been authorised.” Some soldiers also questioned him, “What should we do?” He said to them, “Don’t take money from anyone by force or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” (Luke 3:10-14)