

These verses explain the reverence and relevance of Christian Service. A. P. Gouthey said God's objective is not merely to save us, but his greatest concern is to secure our service. I'm convinced that we will never come to regard the work of God with any sense of importance and imperativeness until we learn that it is divine and sacred. The scripture teaches us that the work of God in its origin, operation and consummation is divine and sacred. We read in **John 5:17 (NKJV)** where Jesus answered them, *"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."* Then Paul declares in **2 Corinthians 6:1**, *"that we are workers together with Christ."* So the work that we are involved in is strictly divine and sacred. Remember "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast us." Christian service is the only thing we can do in this life that will have eternal significance.

Week 1, July 1 - 7, 2018

(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.

Paul declares, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* The word "workmanship" (*poiema*) means that we are his product or fabric. We have our origin in God. This is why Paul used the word "created" (*ktizo*). Only God can create. This word "created" means that God took nothing and brought forth an idea that was in his mind.

Verse 10 also shows the purpose for which God saved us. We were saved so that we could do good works. The word "good" (*agathos*) suggests that which is beneficial in its effects. It means that which is pleasing to God. We were saved that we might do works that are pleasing to God and beneficial to man. God planned these works before we were born into the world.

Week 2, July 8 - 14, 2018

(Titus 2:14)

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Jesus not only gave himself to redeem humanity from every lawless deed, he gave himself to "purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." The word "purify" (*katharizo*) means to cleanse or to make pure. It suggests being cleansed from the corruption and guilt of sin. The word "purify" also means to sanctify. Jesus sacrificed himself to set us apart from a common use to a spiritual use. He sacrificed himself to make us related to God. Jesus sacrificed himself to purify for himself a people whose works would be a manifestation of the work of God.

Jesus sacrificed himself that we might become his possession. The word "possession" (*perioisios*) means peculiar. It speaks of people God has chosen or elected so that he can have concern for them beyond the ordinary. People who are God's possession are people in whom God has a special interest. The saved are God's treasured people. We are God's purchased people. We are extremely valuable to God because of what it cost him to make us his possession.

We are the personal possession of Jesus so that we can become zealous for good deeds. Jesus sacrificed himself for us to make us eager to do what is good. The word "zealous" (*zelotes*) speaks of an eager desire for something. It literally speaks of the intensity with which something is desired. This means that what we know about the grace of God made visible should intensify our service of him. The things we know and believe about Jesus should give us the right motivation and the power for living and serving within the will of God. Christian living and Christian service are intended by God to be the outgrowth of His grace being made visible.

Week 3, July 15 - 21, 2018

(Romans 12:11)

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

In the a-clause we read *"Not slothful in business"*. Here Paul is calling for diligence and determination in whatever the Christian is called to do. The idea of the word *business* is not necessarily rendered the best in the **KJV**. The **NRSV** gives a better rendering, it says *"Do not lag in*

zeal", or "never let your zeal lag." In other words, service for the Lord Jesus Christ is not so much what you do but how you do it. Anything we do for the Lord should be worth doing with enthusiasm and carefulness. Since we are working for God, we should want to do more than just make a showing. We should want to be at our best. In our work for the Lord, there is no room for laziness and carelessness. Lack of enthusiasm and carelessness are often the cause of failure and disappointment. Solomon said in **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, *"Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, do [it] with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going."*

Also note the word *"fervent"* means to be hot, *"boiling"* or *"seething."* The whole idea behind the word is that we are to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to keep us passionate and dynamic in our service all the time. Note also the words "... *serving the Lord.*" The word "serving" conveys the idea of "bond service" or "bond slave." The duty of serving the Lord demands having our priorities in proper order. We are to be focusing on the Lord as we serve. We actually serve the Lord when we serve others. The word of God and the will of God must be first in our lives.

Week 4, July 22 - 28, 2018

(John 9:4)

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

The phrase **"I must work while it is day"** is a reference to the healing of the blind man and the other works of Christ. **"Night cometh"** is a reference to death. Beloved, opportunities pass quickly; they are like a vapor for they are here and gone. Don't waste your life away!

The Chinese symbols for "crisis" are identical to those for the word "opportunity." Literally translated it reads "Crisis is an opportunity riding the dangerous wind." The crisis of the blind man turned out to be an opportunity to glorify God. Don't waste your opportunities, especially to be saved. If you do not know the Lord, the time to be saved is NOW! So let's consider the verse a little closer. The verse says *While it is day*. The *day* is the proper time for work—night is not. This is the general, the universal sentiment. While the day lasts it is proper to labour. The term *day* here refers to the *life* of Jesus, and to the opportunity thus afforded of working miracles. His life was drawing to a close. It was probably but about six months after this when he was put to death. The meaning is, My life is near its close. While it continues I must employ it in doing the works which God has appointed. Also, we are told *The night cometh*. *Night* here represents death. It was drawing near, and he must therefore do what he had to do soon. It is not improbable, also, that this took place near the close of the Sabbath, as the sun was declining, and the shades of evening about to appear. This supposition will give increased beauty to the language which follows. Note it says *No man can work*. It is literally true that *day* is the appropriate time for toil, and that the *night of death* is a time when nothing can be done. "There is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave."

Week 5, July 29 - August 4, 2018

(John 4:34)

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

When the disciples returned from obtaining food, they were shocked that Jesus was conversing with a woman, and especially a Samaritan; but they did not interrupt. They were learning that their Master knew what He was doing and did not need their counsel. But, after the woman left, they urged Jesus to share the meal with them, because they knew that He was hungry.

"I have food to eat that ye know not of" was His reply and, as usual, they did not understand it. They thought He was speaking of literal food, and they wondered where He got it. Then He explained that doing the Father's will—in this case, leading the woman to salvation—was true nourishment for His soul. The disciples were satisfied with bread, but He was satisfied with accomplishing the Father's work.

"Seek your life's nourishment in your life's work," said Phillips Brooks. The will of God ought to be a source of strength and satisfaction to the child of God, just as if he sat down to a sumptuous feast. If what we are doing tears us down instead of builds us up, then we may well question whether it is the will of God for us.

Our Lord did not look on the Father's will as a heavy burden or a distasteful task. He viewed His work as the very nourishment of His soul. Doing the Father's will fed Him and satisfied Him inwardly. "I delight to do Thy will, O my God; yea, Thy Law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8).



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MANNA TO MEMORIZE is a tool intended to inculcate, equip and empower us for the Kingdom battle and Kingdom building. I am encouraging every member to memorize each verse per week and study its meaning. David said in *(Psalm 1:2-3) But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 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.* Let's plant our roots deep in The Word of God.

The Outline of the Books of The Bible

I. Book of the Law (5) (The Pentateuch also The Torah)	<u>Chapter(s)</u>	<u>Verses</u>
1.The 1st Book of Moses Called Genesis	50	1,533
2.The 2nd Book of Moses Called Exodus	40	1,213
3.The 3rd Book of Moses Called Leviticus	27	859
4.The 4th Book of Moses Called Numbers	36	1,288
5.The 5th Book of Moses Called Deuteronomy	34	959
II. Old Testament (Total Books 39)		
Narrative or History (12)		
6.The Book of Joshua	24	658
7.The Book of Judges	21	618
8.The Book of Ruth	4	85
9.The 1st Book of Samuel	31	810
10.The 2nd Book of Samuel	24	695
11.The 1st Book of Kings	22	816
12.The 2nd Book of Kings	25	719
13.The 1st Book of Chronicles	29	942
14.The 2nd Book of Chronicles	36	822
15.The Book of Ezra	10	280
16.The Book of Nehemiah	13	406
17.The Book of Esther	10	167

The Outline of the Books of The Bible (cont'd.)

III. Wisdom Literature or Poetry (5)	<u>Chapter(s)</u>	<u>Verses</u>
18.The Book of Job	42	1070
19.The Book of Psalms	150	2461
20.The Book of Proverbs	31	915
21.The Book of Ecclesiastes	12	222
22.The Song of Songs (or Song of Solomon or Canticles)	8	117
IV. Major Prophetic Books (5)		
23.The Book of Isaiah	66	1292
24.The Book of Jeremiah	52	1364
25.The Book of Lamentations	5	145
26.The Book of Ezekiel	48	1273
27.The Book of Daniel	12	357
V. Minor Prophetic Books (12)		
28.The Book of Hosea	14	197
29.The Book of Joel	3	73
30.The Book of Amos	9	146
31.The Book of Obadiah	1	21
32.The Book of Jonah	4	48
33.The Book of Micah	7	106
34.The Book of Nahum	3	47
35.The Book of Habakkuk	3	56
36.The Book of Zephaniah	3	53
37.The Book of Haggai	2	38
38.The Book of Zechariah	14	211
39.The Book of Malachi	4	55
VI. New Testament (Total Books 27)		
Gospel Narrative (4)		
*Synoptic Gospels		
40.*The Gospel According to Matthew	28	1071
41.*The Gospel According to Mark	16	678
42.*The Gospel According to Luke	24	1151
43. The Gospel According to John	21	879
VII. History of The Early Church (1)		
44.The Acts of the Apostles	28	1007

The Outline of the Books of The Bible (cont'd.)

VIII. Pauline Epistles (13) (21) total	<u>Chapter(s)</u>	<u>Verses</u>
45.The Epistle of Paul to the Romans	16	433
46.The 1st Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians	16	437
47.The 2nd Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians	13	257
48.The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians	6	149
49.The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians	6	155
50.The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians	4	104
51.The Epistle of Paul to the Colossians	4	95
52.The 1st Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians	5	89
53.The 2nd Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians	3	47
54.The 1st Epistle of Paul to Timothy	6	113
55.The 2nd Epistle of Paul to Timothy	4	83
56.The Epistle of Paul to Titus	3	46
57.The Epistle of Paul to Philemon	1	25
IX. General Epistles (8)		
58.The Epistle to the Hebrews	13	303
59.The General Epistle of James	5	108
60.The 1st Epistle of Peter	5	105
61.The 2nd Epistle of Peter	3	61
62.The 1st Epistle of John	5	105
63.The 2nd Epistle of John	1	13
64.The 3rd Epistle of John	1	13
65.The Epistle of Jude	1	25
X. Apocalyptic Epistle (1)		
66.The Book of Revelation (or The Apocalypse of John)	22	404

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