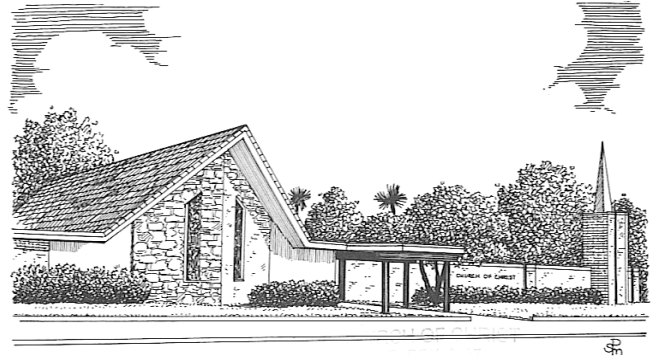


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What Do You “Do Well” for the Lord?

In every part of life, there are some things at which you’re better and more skilled than other things. Around the house and in the workplace, there are probably some things at which you’re better or more skilled than other things. Even in your Christian life, there are probably some things at which you’re better or more skilled than other things. With that being true, let’s examine a couple responsibilities that you have in that regard.

First of all, what you do well for God, do it to the very best of your ability! An Old Testament principle urges, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (**Ecc. 9:10**). Jesus taught, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” (**Mark 12:30**). As a Christian, there are some areas where you have great ability. God says: Do all you can do to the very best level you can. In fact, to the Thessalonian church, He urged to even greater heights. “Concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you”; they were doing well in this area. But then He continued, “We urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more” (**1 Thess. 4:9-10**). Do all things well!

Second, what you do not do so well for God, give your attention to improving in that area! Sometimes our mindset is, “Well, I’m not so good in that particular area, but others are; so, I’ll let them take care of that aspect of Christianity.” However, we must be mindful that, with very few exceptions, every activity of Christianity is to be engaged in by every Christian. As one example, consider the characteristics of Christian growth detailed in **2 Peter 1:5-7**. There are, no doubt, some of these (faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love) with which you particularly struggle or fall short. Does that mean you can ignore those and move on? Verse 5 instructs us to give “all diligence” to develop these qualities. Then, after giving ALL diligence, God instructs in verse 10, “Be even more diligent to make your call and election sure.”

Third, let us always remember that with God’s help, we can do more and grow more for the Lord than we ever think possible! What we do “for the Lord” is just that—FOR THE LORD! It is not for others and not even for self—IT IS FOR HIM! And, with His help, “all things are possible” (**Matt. 19:26**). What do you “do well” for the Lord? What can you do “more well” for the Lord? Is it not worth giving Him your all in every aspect of your life? What a joy! What a blessing! What a motivation!

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We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ



*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*

On this New Year's Eve, we express our delight at the presence of all who have come to worship. Let us prepare to eagerly serve God during the year ahead.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Please continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care and for Dustin Parker's dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D'Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Eternal God, I thank You for this day. I thank You for Jesus whose death brought us the hope of eternal life. In His Name. Amen.

Frank Paramore
Read: Galatians 5:22-26

News:

Pray for: Roy, as he travels to and from Canada to visit family and Kathy's daughter Jamie and her family as they return to northern California.

Welcome to the family! Raul Ochoa was baptized on Dec. 10th. Please welcome Raul to the family! Please add Raul's contact information into your directory: Raul Ochoa, 31775 San Eljay Avenue, Cathedral City, CA 92234. 760-905-0044. raulvera14@yahoo.com

Note: Our next scheduled potluck will be on February 4th following worship service, as we will not be having a potluck in January.

In Search of the Lord's Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with YouTube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

The Community Food Bank is in need of: soups, vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans and quart size storage bags. Other Non-perishable items such as: Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are needed. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

An interesting love for each other

Thought for the Day

Christians are commanded in Scripture to "love one another" (1 John 4:7). This "love" is the Greek *agape* love that unconditionally and unselfishly sets others above self. Christians are also to continue in "brotherly love" (Heb. 13:1). This "love" is the Greek *philadelphia* love that emphasizes a tender affection to have for each other. But there is another love. There is an interesting Greek word used in Romans 12:10. It is translated "kindly affectionate" (NKJV), "tenderly affectioned" (ASV), "devoted" (NASB) and "brotherly affection" (ESV). The Greek word, *philostorgos*, is a compound word combining *philos*, which means "friendly" and *storge*, which is the word used for "love of kindred" (i.e., love for family). Put that together and consider the implications—we are to have a tender and friendly love for each other as members of the same family.

Love above self. Love with tender affection. Love as a beloved family member. Got it?

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Today's Scripture reading:
1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Sermon Title: "Philadelphia"

Birthdays:

Mae Britton:	1/3
Byron Isaac:	1/3
Francis Pati:	1/5
Ana Olea:	1/12
Sandi Pati:	1/13
Maria Olea:	1/19

Ladies Bible Class: Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

480: Blessed Assurance (1-3)
313: The Old Rugged Cross (1,2 & 4)

COMMUNION & OFFERING: Matthew 26:26-29

794: Unto Thee, O Lord (1-3)

Brief Intermission

567: Restore My Soul (1-3)

SERMON

INVITATION

915: Trust and Obey (1,2 & 5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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