

Doing the Lord's Work the Lord's Way, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Corinthians 16:5-12.
- B. God's work deserves our best. (2 Timothy 2:15, Mark 13:32)
- C. How we do God's work will determine how God will reward us in glory. (Revelation 22:12, 2 Thessalonians 3:11)
- D. God expects his people to work. (1 Corinthians 5, Ephesians 4)
- E. We will be rewarded for our work. (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- F. There are principles for doing God's work God's way.

II. The one doing the Lord's work must have a vision for the future.

III. The one doing the Lord's work must be flexible.

IV. The one doing the Lord's work must be thorough and not superficial.

V. The one doing the Lord's work must have a commitment to present service.

- A. Faithfulness at the current level of responsibility gives one responsibility later. (Matthew 23)
- B. Wherever there was an opportunity, Paul took it. (Acts 14:27)
- C. We had best prove ourselves where we are.
- D. Where God has opened the door, someone must go through it.

VI. The one doing the Lord's work accepts opposition as a challenge.

- A. We should go to places with needs.
- B. We have to learn to trust Christ in these difficult places. (2 Corinthians 1:8, 4:9)

VII. The one who does the Lord's work has a team spirit.

- A. Paul saw himself as a coworker.
- B. Paul had no personal ambition. (Philippians 1)
- C. We are to give ourselves to the team. (2 Timothy 4:5)

VIII. The one doing the Lord's work is sensitive to the Lord's leading in others.

- A. We cannot cram people into the work of the Lord.
- B. We must be sensitive to what God is saying.

IX. Conclusion. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Application Questions:

1. How would you assess your local church's work ethic?

2. What can we do to encourage a positive work ethic in others in a positive way?

3. What steps will you take to becoming a worker who works in God's ways? Explain.
