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What Are Good Works

*. . . that they may see your good works and glorify your father
in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

How Do You Respond?

Often when I am sharing something about Christian discipleship with others the first question that comes up is this, "How am I going to do that?". It is a normal response to the challenge of discipleship. It exposes our underlying legalism. We want to be able to say how we will follow Jesus, live our Christian life, and generally take care of our own faith. To be honest and transparent that is my default position. It is a great thing God never gives up on me for that. I find I have that legalistic reaction when I think Jesus wants me to live in such a good way that people who are far away from the faith have will see what I do and naturally want to become Christians. Right away I jump to, "How am I going to do that?"

Good Works

Good works are really the works God is already doing. We join in with those works. When God puts something on our heart and mind we can be certain that He is inviting us into ministry He is already doing. These good works are His works He is sharing with us. The whole point for us is to know God. That is very different from having to get our life to a state of perfection on our own. When we know Him, hear His voice, and follow Him the results will be good works.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, February 16, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Sunday, February 23, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Goodwill in Centerville that many people would be served and helped through the work of this store.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregation and clergy of St. Andrew's, Arlington; St. Michael's, Arlington; St. David's, Ashburn; St. Mary's, Reedville; and St. Stephen's, Heathsville

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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