# **"WORK** THE WORKS!" **Woodland Park Church**

of Christ Theme for 2020



#### "I must <u>work the works</u> of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." John 9:4

#### **Observations**

- Jesus makes this statement as He and His disciples were passing a man who John, the writer, says had been blind from his birth
- The statement Jesus makes is not just true for Jesus, concerning His Godly walk, but for all of us:

"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

#### This Is Not The Only Time, In The Bible, That This Idea Is Suggested! Acts 13:36-37

"<u>Now when David had served God's purpose in his</u> <u>own generation, he fell asleep</u>; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay."

- Paul says that David had a reason to be on the earth when he was here
- If wasn't just to kill Goliath
- It wasn't just to be a King, have a great job, and feed his family

It was to "Work the Works" of God, who sent him for that generation

## God Blessed All Of Us To Enter The Year 2020! Why? **To Serve This Generation!**

(Like David and Jesus, God has a purpose for you)

#### Like David and Jesus, We Also Will Leave This World One Day!

Jesus said, "... the night is coming when no one can work."

- Several of this Church's greatest soldiers recently left us, having served their purpose for this generation
- All of us have been affected by their passing or the departure of our own family members and relatives while we yet remain

#### **The Question Remains:**

### WHAT WILL WE DO FOR GOD IN THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT, IN THIS **GENERATION?**

#### Why Am I In This Generation Of People? Why Am I Here Today? To Be Successful?

Have a good Job? To be married by a certain age? Raise a family to be on their own?

Have a million dollar business and 14 cars?

Have \$100,000 in the bank?

Have the biggest building and ministry following in town?

This Is The World's Definition of Success!

The Problem: We Define Ourselves By How The World Judges Us!

#### Many Of Us Will Climb The World's Ladder to Success and Find Out When We Are At The Top, We Are On The Wrong Ladder!



#### In Order to "Work the Works," We Must First Allow God To Work In Us!

"So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, <u>work</u> out your salvation with fear and trembling;

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Philippians 2:12-13

#### In Order to "Work the Works," We Must Present Our Bodies For Work!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable (rational) service." Romans 12:1

Gød Wants Us To Sacrifice Our Bodies While Alive! At Home

- At Work
- At Play

Sometimes You Have To Take One For Team Christ!(Mark 6:33-44, whose idea to feed 5,000?)

#### In Order To "Work The Works" You Must Love God First and Foremost!

"One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:35-37

#### To Love The Lord Means Following His Commandments!

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46

When it comes to your speech

When it comes to your way you choose to live (making decisions in life)

When it comes to how you spend your time (what's enjoyable to you)

#### Philippians 1:27

#### "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

#### Therefore To Begin God's Work In You, In The Time You Have Left, Channel Your Life With Jesus Christ!

Hear the Gospel Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel Acts 15:7

Repent Of Sins Acts 17:30

Confess Christ Acts 8:37

Be Baptized Acts 8:38