

“My Faith Leads to My Works”

Based on John 6:27-29 (NIV)

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John 6:27 - (Jesus answered) "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

† The Jewish people of Jesus’ time believed that all people could be put into 3 classes:

† First, those who were good = God would bless.

† Secondly, those who were bad = God would punish.

† And thirdly, those who were on the borderline = By doing one more good work, could be moved from the bad category to the good category, unless they then did something bad and moved again.

† The Jews believed that the works came first and God rewarded or punished by what you did.

† Jesus is sharing in our scripture that this is not the way of God.

John 6:28 & 29

28 Then the crowd asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

† I am not to do good works so that God will bless me.

† I do good works because I have faith, I believe, in God through Jesus.

† I should always step first with my faith and the good works will follow.

† My often unseen faith is what lies behind my seen works.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† How has God “compensated” me in my life?

† Did I “deserve” this compensation?

† Do I believe God will bless me more the more good I do?
- Why is this thinking wrong since God does want us to do good to others?

† This week, I will ask myself on any question or anything that happens "What would Jesus want me to do?" Then do it.
- This is leading with my faith leg.