

# Be Ready for Every Good Work

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Are works important to Christians? Of course they are. Jesus instructed his disciples to “let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt 5:16). Paul tells Titus to instruct others to be ready for every good work (Titus 3:1.). In fact Paul mentions good works three times in Titus 3. What does it mean to be ready for every good work?

The church in Karns has many opportunities for members to do good works. The 2017 Vision Book lists all of the ministries that members can help with. These works include visiting the sick or homebound, taking food to shut-ins, helping out with VBS, and teaching classes. The elders and respective deacons greatly desire your assistance.

Paul’s instruction to be ready for every good work goes further than only helping with the formal ministries of the Karns church. It is in the same mold as his instruction to Timothy to be ready in season and out of season. In essence, we should be ready to do good works as needs present themselves. If you know someone needs food, and you can afford to, buy them some food. If a brother or sister needs their lawn mowed, do so if you are able.

Take every opportunity to do a good work as soon as the opportunity presents itself. Enlist others to help out as well. Spontaneous works for good will do much to let your light shine before men. The Hebrews writer said not to forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some have unwittingly entertained angels (Heb. 13:2-3.).

Jesus was very clear on this subject in Matthew 25. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and prisoners is the same as doing it for him. In this way we will truly glorify the Father in heaven.

The elders love you and pray for you continually.

For the elders,  
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