

## 5 Essentials for the Lord's Work

*Eph 2:20 -*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Not only does God expect us to work but Titus 2:14 says God expects us to do so with "eagerness."

The truth is many times the Lord's work is not accomplished because we do not possess the proper attitudes to accomplish it. So this morning I want to give you five essentials for the Lord's work. Five attitudes that as children of God we should possess and use to serve him to accomplish the work that he has provided for us.

### **I. A Powerful \_\_\_\_\_**

If we tell ourself that nothing is ever going to change it never will. If we tell ourselves that we can't accomplish great things great things will never be accomplished. If we believe nothing we will do nothing.

When we allow our fears to overshadow our faith we become sacred. We start to focus on our own weaknesses and not the strength of God

### **II. A Joyful \_\_\_\_\_**

Phil. 4:4 tells us to...

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice."*

As a child of God we have so many amazing to be thankful for.

1. We are the children of God. – I John 3:1
2. We have many spiritual blessing – Eph 1:3
3. We will receive a crown of life – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 4:7-8

### **III. A Continual Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_**

When you just have a casual prayer life with God you are going to get casual answers to your prayers

James 5:17-18

Matthew 21:22

*"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

Matthew 7:7-8

We also know that God changes things through prayer. I challenge you to write down the things that you pray for so that you will be able to go back and see the things that God changes in your life just because you had the faith to pray about those things.

### **IV. A Personal \_\_\_\_\_**

Our love for God is not something that is just said it has to be shown.

I John 5:3

Not only should we love the Lord but we should love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Philippians 2:1-4

We also have to have a love for the lost. Jesus himself said his purpose for being here was to seek and save the lost

### **V. A Persistent \_\_\_\_\_**

Our lives are to be nothing short of a living sacrifice to God. A life full of service, and we must not get discouraged when we do not see results because the Lord will never judge us on results but rather the effort that we put in to his work.