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- **Titus 3:8:** The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Those who belong to Christ are to devote themselves to good works because though good works cannot save to eternal life, they are profitable for the following five reasons:

1. They help other people.
2. They keep us from getting into trouble.
3. They bring a good testimony to God, to Christ and the Christian faith.
4. They fulfil the Royal Law "Love your neighbour as yourself."
5. They are the right and loving way to live and behave.

Paul in the following verse shows that good works are not only profitable while living in this present world, but will also be profitable at judgement:

- **1 Corinthians 3:11–15:** ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

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These verses show that the good works we do now will be profitable in the world to come, this is because the gold, silver and precious stones apply to:

- The good we have shown toward others, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- The faithfulness and devotion we have shown toward Christ.
- The effort, the time given and the things we have done to help expand the Kingdom of God, and the family of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Our love for the word of God, and how we have lived our lives before Him.

While the wood, hay and straw refer to the lack of these things. James the half-brother of Jesus wrote:

- What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (James 2:14).

James is not saying believers are saved by works, but that outward works evidence inward faith. Following is a good example; there are people who say they are Christians, but have no interest in reading the Bible, no interest in Christian fellowship, and no interest in talking about Jesus, and live their life as they please. No matter how strongly they say they are Christians, they are deceiving themselves, and their faith is in vain, because there is nothing that outwardly evidences it.

Faith and works: the Bible clearly teaches we are saved by faith, not works, the reason Paul states, 'good works are profitable' is because they will determine whether we will be rewarded or suffer loss at the resurrection. It should be noticed, those who suffer loss are still saved (1 Cor. 3:15), this is because both groups are building their lives on the Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Cor. 3:11) and both have endured in faith to the end.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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