

“Two Kinds of Work” John 6:15-29

Parallel Accounts: Matthew 14:22-34 (Mark 6:45-48).

Lessons from Jesus' life:

#1: God always does things on His time-table. (15-21)

#2: Patience with persistently needy people! (22-25)

#3: Jesus models conversation turning. (26-27)

#4: Jesus prepares for encounters with people. (29)

“Jesus answered and said to them, **This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.**”

Does this mean we don't have to do anything to be saved?
Just believe?

Ask Mary (Luke 10:38-42). Ask the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43). Ask James, Paul, or Abraham (James 2:23, Galatians 3:6, Romans 4:3, Genesis 15:6).

Two kinds of work:

Jesus elaborates on the work that endures to eternal life:
John 6:35, 48-60.

Physical work is ordained by God:

Genesis 1:26-30, 2:15, 3:17-19.

Exodus 20:9-10, 23:12.

Proverbs 6:6-9 and Ecclesiastes 9:10.

Ephesians 6:7-8; Colossians 3:22-24, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;

1 Timothy 5:8; Titus 2:9-10; 1 Peter 2:18-21.

How to do both kinds of work: separate and don't separate.

1. Make sure you work for the food which endures...
2. Infuse your physical work with Christ-like attitudes.

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Questions to Consider

1. How can we trust God that His time-table is best?
2. How can we find the needy people God wants us to help?
3. How and with whom can we practice and prepare conversation turning?
4. What work must we do to be saved from Hell and be able to come to God?
5. How would you answer someone who adds a work or works to salvation from God other than just believing in Jesus and His work?
6. How does our God-given physical work go along with the spiritual work Jesus requires?