



- We, in America, place a high value on _____. This is a biblical attitude because God does as well.

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs.” Ephesians 4:28

- The Bible also talks a great deal about the importance of the work that we do as Christians. We are told that we have been saved specifically so that we can do “good works.”
- I think most of us desire to do work that has _____. We want our work to matter. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, we want to do work that matters to God.

Needs Matter to God

- Throughout Jesus’ earthly ministry, He showed that He had compassion for the physical needs of His followers.

*“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and **was moved with compassion toward them**, and he healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14*

God Uses _____ to Meet Physical Needs

- It's important for us to pray for those who are in need, but we also need to take _____.
- God uses people to accomplish His work on the earth.

“There is a lad here, which has five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?” John 6:9

“And the famine was over all the face of the earth:

and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.” Genesis 41:56-57

Meeting Physical Needs Leads to _____

Rewards

- Our heavenly rewards will not only be tied to how we preached and taught the Bible, but how we sacrificed to meet the needs of others.

“For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you... But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:1, 6

When you find yourself doubting whether meeting physical needs is work that matters to God, just remember Jesus' words:
“As you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.”