

Reasons to Labor for the Lord
1 Tim 2:3-4
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Thesis: I want to show what should be our motivation to labor for the Lord.

Introduction

- I. Remember! He worked and continues to work on our behalf!
 - A. The universe was created for man's survival.
 1. Mankind was on God's mind during creation (**Gen 1:26-31**)
 2. The design of the universe and its operation puts to the creator who designed it for mankind.
 - B. He has demonstrated His love for man.
 1. God's love for man is seen throughout the Bible (**Rom 5:8; Jn 3:16**)
 2. God shows His love for man through sacrifice, mercy, forgiveness, grace, blessings and other ways.

- II. Reasons to Labor for the Lord.
 - A. His Love for you should drive you to labor for Him (**1 Jn 4:19**).
 1. Because God loves man so much we should be willing to labor for Him.
 2. We do things for those whom we love and care about, the same should be done for God.
 - B. We labor for Him because His commands are not burdensome (**1 Jn 5:3**)
 1. God commands us to work in the vineyard for Him.
 2. This is not a command that we should view as being a burden, none of God's commands are burdens if we understand how much God loves us and how much we should love Him.
 - C. We labor for Him because we love the souls of men.
 1. We labor for God because we want mankind to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, the gospel.
 - i. This is what God wants as well (**1 Tim 2:3-4**).
 2. We work to reach the souls of men because we know what awaits those who rebel (**2 Cor 5:10-11a**)

- III. Lessons for us today.
 - A. God's love should motivate the Christian.
 1. Love motivated God to do many things for us.
 2. Because of His deep love for us we should be more than willing to work in His Kingdom.
 - B. God continues to show His love for us today.
 1. We must be careful not to think of God's demonstration for His love for man in past tense.

2. God still shows His love for us today – through our prayers, His blessings and His Word we still see God’s love for us.

Application & Conclusion:

1. When we think on God’s love for us, we should have no hesitation to be loyal to Him and no hesitation to work for Him.
2. Let us allow God’s love to be our motivation in all things.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9