

Do Be Do Be Do Good
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"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18, NIV)

"Do good" is a Greek word that means literally:
"To do that which benefits others."

There is a difference between "do good" and "be good"

The former is an action.
The latter is a state of being.
And the second is a result of the first.

There is a difference between "to pay" and "to give"

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23, NLT)

Hymn: "He Paid A Debt He Did Not Owe"
*He paid a debt he did not owe
I owed a debt I could not pay
I needed someone to wash my sins away
And now I sing a brand new song, "Amazing grace"
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay*

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood." (Romans 3: 21-25, NLT)

"Penalty" also translated: "debt," literally: "to pay back, as in a ransom".

“To pay”

- 1) It benefits you.**
- 2) It is required.**

“To give”

- 1) It benefits others.**
- 2) It is optional.**

“Do to others as you would like them to do to you. “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”
(Luke 6:31-36, NLT)

Loving your enemies is a part of what it means to “do good” because you are acting in their best interests.” It is not an exchange.

“We love each other because he loved us first.” (1 John 4:19, NLT)

God didn’t first love us because we deserved it.

He first loved us ... while we were His enemies!

“Even when we were God’s enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us.” (Romans 5:10, CEV)

There is a similarity with “to pay” and “to give.”

They both cost.

“And David said to Ornan, “Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the Lord – give it to me at its full price – that the plague may be averted from the people.” Then Ornan said to David, “Take it, and let my lord the king do what seems good to him. See, I give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the wheat for a grain offering; I give it all.” But King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” So David paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site.”
(1 Chronicles 18:21-25, NLT)

**The temporary solution in the Old Testament
was the sacrifices (plural) upon an altar.**

**The permanent solution in the New Testament
was the sacrifice (singular) upon a cross.**

When Jesus willingly died on the cross for the sins of the world, He cried out, “It is finished” which means literally, “Paid in full.”

“Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: “Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.’”

The man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

When Jesus heard his answer, he said, “There is still one thing you haven’t done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.”

(Luke 18:18-23, NLT)

- 1) The religious leader addresses Jesus as, “Good Teacher.”**
- 2) He asks, “What should I do to inherit eternal life?”**

The religious leader understood the religion, but he didn’t have the relationship.

**There is a difference between
calling Jesus GOOD and calling Jesus GOD.**

In order to inherit eternal life, we must BE a follower of Jesus.

The “doing” has already been DONE!

Jesus PAID the price for all our sins on the cross.

Jesus GIVES the gift of salvation to those who believe.

*“He came into his own world, but his own nation did not welcome him. Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to BE the children of God. They were not God’s children by nature or because of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them his children.”
(John 1:11-13, CEV)*

*“...the jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.”
(Acts 16:29-31, NLT)*

They replied, “DO believe and you will BE saved.”

When it comes to salvation, that’s the *only* “DO good” which results in the “BE good.”

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“I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35, NLT)

“A very important man went to a country far away to be made a king and then to return home. So he called ten of his servants and gave a coin to each servant. He said, ‘Do business with this money until I get back.’” (Luke 19:12-13, NCV)

*“The first servant came and said, ‘Sir, I earned ten coins with the one you gave me.’ The king said to the servant, ‘Excellent! You are a good servant.’”
(Luke 19:16, NCV)*

There's a difference between salvation and service.

Salvation is for yourself.

Service is for others.

When it comes to salvation, DO believe and BE a follower of Christ.

When it comes to service, DO good to others and BE a good servant.