

CFC-304 GOOD WORKS, OFFENSES & MORAL PURITY

1) Passionate in your assigned good work

- (i). Be a blessing to the people around you through good works. God has built the capacity for this in us (Matt 5:14-16, Eph 2:10, Tit 2:14-15).
- (ii). God created us in Christ to engage in good works, and He has built the capacity for this in us. (Eph 2:10).
- (iii). Therefore no one should be idle, but be gainfully employed so that you can have to give and be a blessing. (2Th 3:6-15, Eph 4:16, 27-28, Rom 12:3-4, Matt 5:14-16).
- (iv). So, identify what you can do to support the Church and the work of God, and be occupied doing them (Rom 12:4-8). No one should be idle. (Tit 2:14-15, 2Th 3:6-15, Eph 4:16, 27-28)
- (v). The desire to see the will of God fulfilled on earth should be the mentality driving your choices and decision in this world. See example of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 5:16-21,30, John 4:8,31-38, Acts 10:38, 2Cor 9:6-13).

Remember that Jesus went about doing good works according to Act 10:38. Let us put our words and faith into action just like Him
- (vi). Willingly provide whatever you have that the Church needs - like your skills, talents, education and training, finance, labour, etc. See yourself in Church service as taking care of your Father's business on the earth. (2Cor 9:6-13).

2) Do not allow offences to cripple your efforts at good works

- (i). As you make the interest of the kingdom of God your priority, things will happen (or offences will come) to discourage you. E.g. people will disappoint you by their poor behavior/ attitude. But you must not let this stop you. Keep doing good, hoping & believing that your good works will influence others to change. This is what true love is about. 1Cor 13:4-7.
- (ii). Overcome offenses with forgiveness out of fervent love. Let fervent love keep you going on in good works regardless of the offences around you. 1Peter 3:1-17, 4:12-14, Rom 12:9-10,14-21, Eph 4:1-6, 32, Col 3:13.

3) Dedication to personal purity

Keep yourself clean. Avoid whatever pollutes your thoughts and physical body. (1Cor 3:17, Jam 1:21, Matt 21:12, Tit 2:11-14, 1Thess 5:22).

4) Flee Fornication, Adultery and all forms of Sexual Sins

Sexual union is reserved only for a properly married male / female couple (1Cor 7:1-4). Outside of this, sexual activity is immoral and is not an acceptable behavior for a Child of God (Exo 20:14, Matt 5:27-28). Therefore, if you are not yet legally married, stay away from sexual activities (1Cor 6:13-20, 1Cor 7:1-2, 1Th 4:2-3, Pro 6:23-33).

- Stay away from anyone / anything that is a sexual temptation to you (Pro 2:10-19). Remember Joseph's example in Gen 39:6-21.
- Stay away from Pornography because it encourages sexual fulfillment outside of marriage (Matt 5:27-28, Job 31.1, Pro 6:23-25, Eph 5:11-12). And it often lead to physical sexual sins. Remember the error of David in 2Sam 11:1-4. So avoid it
- Same-sex union or homosexuality is ungodly, unnatural and not acceptable. It is forbidden by God, so stay away from it. Rom 1:26-27, Lev 18:22, 20:13, 1Cor 6:9-11, 1Tim 1:10.