

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Prayer Service  
Date : November 27, 2012 / April 7, 2016

**TITLE : A GOOD WORK**  
Text/s :

Mark 14:1-9

1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.  
2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.  
3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.  
4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?  
5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.  
6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.  
7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.  
8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.  
9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.  
(KJV)

Bible Reading :

2 Tim 2:20-21

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.  
21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work  
KJV

Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

2 Thess 2:13-17

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:  
14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.  
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,  
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.  
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Mark 14:6

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.  
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## **A) A good work is a work done for and on behalf of Christ.**

Mark 14:6-7

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

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Col 3:17

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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Heb 6:10

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, **which ye have shewed toward his name**, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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## **B) A good work will cost something**

Mark 14:3

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

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Phil 4:16-18

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

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2 Sam 24:24-25

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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1 Chron 21:24-25

24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

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## **C) A good work will be criticized**

Mark 14:4-5

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

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John 12:5-6

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

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#### **D) A good work is known to Christ Himself.**

Mark 14:6-7

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

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Heb 6:10-11

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

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#### **E) A good work is done when at every opportunity**

- we have great fear to change

- seize the opportunity

Mark 14:8

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

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2 Cor 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

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Titus 2:14

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

KJV

#### **F) A good work is doing WHAT WE CAN**

Mark 14:8

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

(KJV)

Ex 4:2

2 And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

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#### **G) A good work is never forgotten. It has its reward.**

Mark 14:9

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.  
(KJV)

Heb 13:21

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.  
KJV

2 Tim 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.  
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