

Some Biblical Motivations for the Christian to do Good Works:

(You should do good works because...)

1. It brings glory to God. (Matt. 5:16; John 15:8; 1 Pet. 2:12)
2. It demonstrates your love for God. (1 John 3:18; 4:19)
3. It is an expression of gratitude for your salvation. (Col. 2:6-7)
4. It pleases the Father. (Rom. 8:1-8; 1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Tim. 2:4)
5. It maintains fellowship and intimacy with Christ. (John 15:10; 1 John 3:24)
6. It allows you to look forward to the rapture with confidence. (1 John 2:28)
7. It encourages others to do good works. (Heb. 10:24;
8. It can lead others to salvation. (1 Cor. 10:32-33)
9. It strengthens your faith. (Jas. 1:2-4; 2:22)
10. It brings spiritually maturity. (Heb. 5:12-14; Jas. 1:2-4)
11. It follows the example set by Jesus Christ. (John 10:32)
12. It is the reason you were created. (Eph. 2:10)
13. It will bring God's blessings during your earthly life. (Deut. 28:1-2; Prov. 10:6; Matt. 5:3-11; James 1:25)
14. It will prolong your life. (Prov. 9:10-11; 10:27; 11:19; 12:28; 13:14; 19:16; 21:16)
15. It will deliver you from physical death. (James 1:21; 2:14)
16. It will bring rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:9-11; Rev. 22:12; Col. 3:23-24; 1 Tim. 6:18-19)
17. It edifies others. (Rom. 15:2)
18. It redeems the time. (Eph. 5:15-16; Rom. 13:11-14)
19. It helps defeat the enemy. (Eph. 6:10-18)
20. It brings praise from those in authority over you. (Rom. 13:1-5)
21. It silences the critics of Christianity. (Titus 2:6-8; 1 Pet. 2:12)
22. It promotes peace. (Rom. 12:17-18)
23. It vindicates the death of Christ. (Titus 2:11-15)
24. It is generally profitable in many ways. (Titus 3:8; 1 Tim. 4:8)
25. It allows you to "pass the test" and be approved by God (i.e. rewarded). (Rom. 12:2; Jas. 1:12; 1 Pet. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:15)
26. It proves the will of God in your life. (Col. 4:12; Rom. 12:1-2)
27. It helps prevent further stumbling. (Prov. 4:12; 2 Pet. 1:10)
28. It is consistent with your identity in Christ. (Eph. 5:3-4)
29. It helps you overcome evil. (Rom. 12:21)
30. It brings a personal sense of pride and accomplishment. (Gal. 6:4)

A few popular, though unbiblical, motivations for the Christian to do good works:

Unbiblical Motivation #1: You must do good works in order to get into heaven when you die.

Unbiblical Motivation #2: You must do good works in order to keep from losing your salvation.

Unbiblical Motivation #3: You must do good works in order to prove that you're truly saved.

Unbiblical Motivation #4: You must do good works or God won't love you anymore.