



# **Laboring for the Lord**

***Matthew 9:35-38***



# Introduction

- Christians are laboring together in the kingdom of our Lord.
- Like the apostles, we recognize there is much work to do in the kingdom of the Lord.
- In this lesson, we will consider a few statements from the apostle Paul and then talk about our laboring for the Lord.



# Paul Labored for the Lord

- The Lord chose Paul. ***Acts 26:14-18***
  - Paul taught the Jews and the Gentiles. ***Eph 3:8-13***
  - Paul worked to “*present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*”  
***Col 1:27-29***
  - Paul loved and taught the brethren. ***Cf. Col 2:1-5***



# We are Fellow Laborers

- **As laborers for the Lord,...**
  - We are to be faithful to the Lord.
    - Consider the parable of the talents. ***Matt 25:14-30***
    - Consider the apostle Paul. ***2 Tim 4:6-8***





# We are Fellow Laborers

- As laborers for the Lord,...
  - We are to be zealous in our work.
    - We were created for good works.  
***Eph 2:10***
    - Let us be zealous for these works.  
***Titus 2:11-14***

**Zealous** - zelotes (ζηλωτής, 2207) is used adjectivally, of “being zealous” ... The word is, lit., “a zealot,” i.e., “an uncompromising partisan.” (*Vines’ Expository Dictionary*)



# We are Fellow Laborers

- **As laborers for the Lord,...**

- We are to let our light shine.

- Matt 5:13-16***

- We are to walk as “children of light.” ***Eph 5:8-11***



# We are Fellow Laborers

- As laborers for the Lord,...
  - We are to sow the seed.
    - The apostles sowed the seed.  
***Matt 28:18-20; 1 Cor 3:5-8***
    - We sow the seed in hopes that others will be born again of the incorruptible seed, the word of God. ***Cf. James 1:17-18, 21-22; 1 Pet 1:22-23***



# Conclusion

- “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” ***1 Cor 15:58***





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