

To the Lord

There are many people who care for the neediest members of society and practice other good behavior. For the Christian, however, good works are more than acts for the benefit of people. The Bible teaches that our virtue should be practiced, recognizing the recipient of our acts as Jesus himself.

Below are some verses stressing that fact in two different translations. Choose your preferred translation and a verse or two to memorize this week. Let them guide your benevolent acts.

And the King shall answer and say unto them, “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, **ye have done it unto me**” (Matthew 25:40, *KJV*).

The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me**” (Matthew 25:40, *NIV*)

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said unto him, “Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for **a memorial before God**” (Acts 10:4, *KJV*).

Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as **a memorial offering before God**” (Acts 10:4, *NIV*).

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; **serving the Lord** (Romans 12:10,11, *KJV*).

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, **serving the Lord** (Romans 12:10,11, *NIV*).

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord** (Ephesians 5:22, *KJV*).

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands **as you do to the Lord** (Ephesians 5:22, *NIV*).

With good will doing service, **as to the Lord**, and not to men (Ephesians 5:22, *KJV*).

Serve wholeheartedly, **as if you were serving the Lord**, not people (Ephesians 5:22, *NIV*).

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