### Seven Words We Long To Hear

## "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

- Parable of Three Servants
Matthew 25:14-30

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift from God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

# Because of God's love and grace, we are called to live a life full of faithfulness and goodness...

#### Have Faith & Do Good

...a response to your belief.

#### What does it mean to HAVE FAITH?

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. | And it is impossible to please God without faith.

- Hebrews 11:1,6

#### What does it mean to HAVE FAITH?

Know that (1) there is a God and (2) you aren't Him; trusting in His plan and promises so that your fear and worry do not define you.

#### What does it mean to DO GOOD?

--- Titus 3:4-7 ---

This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good.

- Titus 3:8

#### What does it mean to DO GOOD?

Actions that counter evil and infuse love; alleviate suffering, proclaim truth, show compassion, offer assistance, and practice humility.

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What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? | Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

- James 2:14,26

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There is power in the "AND" because it allows your inner faith to be experienced by the outer world, a testimony to God's grace.

There are people in/of this world who can do good without having faith, but as Christ-Followers we cannot allow ourselves to have faith without doing good.

"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!"

- Matthew 25:21

