

Our Works Flow from Faith
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Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:4

The Lord does not measure our righteousness by how many or how great our works appear, but by the heart that trusts in Him. For we know that our works cannot make us perfect before God—only Christ does that for us.

Yet the works we do flow from faith, and their beauty is found in the love God Himself has planted within us.

Still, we confess how easily our hearts are pulled away.

The noise of the day, the endless concerns, the small distractions that fill our minds—these crowd in and turn our attention from the very neighbors God has placed right before us. We overlook simple opportunities to love, not because they are hidden, but because our hearts are divided.

Yet even this does not drive us to despair, but back to Christ. He has not loved us with a distracted or divided heart, but with a full and perfect love. He forgives our wandering attention and gathers us again through His Word.

From that forgiveness, the Lord gently reorients us. He turns our eyes outward—toward the needs of those closest to us: family, friends, coworkers, and even the stranger in our path. These are the works prepared for us, not grand in appearance, but precious in His sight.

So we do not strive to prove our love, nor do we trust in our focus or discipline. Instead, we rest in Christ.

And from that rest, we are free to begin again—

in small ways,
in ordinary moments,
with the people right in front of us.