

Romans 5:6,8 & 10 NASB

- (6) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- (8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- (10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

John 3:16-17 NASB "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (17) "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

We are here to advance the Kingdom

Romans 12:1-2 NASB Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. [reasonable service] (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 5:20 NASB (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Example of the Parable of the Talents: Matthew 25:14-30

Kingdom production is one of the most important things you can do while on earth as a Christian

Are we producing?

What is production?

Spiritual Fruit: Light, Life, Preservation(Salt), Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), manifestations of the Spirit, disciples

Are you producing?

2 Ditches: No Work & No Rest = No production

Balance of rest/play

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NASB

- (1) If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- (2) If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- (3) And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

2 Samuel 2:14 NASB Then Abner said to Joab, "Now let the young men arise and hold a contest before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

Zechariah 8:5 NASB 'And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.'

2 Timothy 2:5 NASB Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NASB

- (24) Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.
- (25) Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.
- (26) Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;
- (27) but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.