Laboring together

Mt 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

1. Salt of the Earth

Mtat.5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

We are living in a world that doesn’t want to learn responsibility or compatibility.

Do not want to labor and seek for reward. Mat. 5:19; (“Great”) I Cor.3:14

* A world that is dead spiritually
  + Corrupt, disinterested in the things of God, understanding deteriated
    - Full of lusts, evil, shame

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

1Ti 5:6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

* Salt is losing its savour
  + Orientals had a high value for salt (worth his weight)
  + Greeks mixed their salt with other things to give it more weight
* The Christian is getting mixed
  + Losing his faith, influence, testimony, integrity, consistency
    - Why young people stay home, do other things
    - Why the church lost the working man, preacher man
      * Righteous man Mat 5:20 Jam.5:16; mat. 9 :37-38
    - Why the church lost the intellectual, more logical in their mind to stay home than fight the fight of faith, labour in the harvest

Joh 4:38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Good for nothing dying with the world dead

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

1. A shining light

**16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall **do and teach** them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. ***Aphanostephus skirrhobasis***

**Lazy daisy, dozedaisy** The blossom of the lazy daisy is like a smaller version of the ox-eye daisy, Leucanthemum vulgare. It grows to 2 feet high, and the flower heads are 1-2 inches across, 1 flower to a stem. The 20-45 ray flowers are 1/2 inch long, narrow, white to pink, and often deep red on the underside. The center is yellow. Leaves are alternate, 1/2-2 1/2 inches long, the lower ones sharply toothed, the upper ones smooth. Stems and leaves have soft hairs.

Flowers, closed all morning, opening by midday. (Lacksa) or lacksical Daisical Lazy –Languid Lethargic Indolent Idle sluggish slothful lukewarmness Dreamy droopy drowsy disgraceful dishonorable discreditable dreadful

1. For we are labourers together with God

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward.**

With God

I Cor. 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was **made in the likeness of men**:

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Mt 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Mr 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Lu 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Rom. 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:

9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

* God’s plan or purpose never destroys the freedom of man.
  + Sin is never freedom it is always bondage
  + Obedience is not a freedom to do what we want
  + Obedience is not a bondage
    - Selfishness is always a bondage
    - Worldliness is always a bondage
    - Fear is always a bondage

God can’t lie, be unfaithful, can’t go against His Word, His Nature

God’s Nature is two-fold

Love – Righteousness – Jacob

Hate – (Iniquty) - Esau

Righteousness -Wrath – Justice – Love – Hate – Never mix, never fail, never faulter

Rom. 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Ro 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Ex 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Ro 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

He same sun that melts the snow will harden the clay

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1Pe 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

Mt 20:20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Mt 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

* You can’t serve money and God.
  + The highest form of obedience is based on love for the Lord not fear or desire for reward for yourself.
  + Inner spiritual Blessings are valuable not material things.
    - You’re not really making sacrifice but your making an investment

1Co 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together **with God**: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Mat 20:1-16 Two kinds of Laborers

1. Worked with a contract a set agreement (a penny a day)
2. Worked with whatever He chose to give (His willingness to give)

Mt 20:10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. {have wrought...: or, have continued one hour only}

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.