



### Today's Sermons

Morning: Names of the Church  
Evening: Handwriting on the Wall

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**SPEECH**

When our speech is motivated by:

**GOD**      **SATAN**

It is full of:

- Mercy	- Bitter envy
- Love for others	- Selfish ambition
- Peace	- Earthly concerns and desires
- Consideration for others	- Unspiritual thoughts and ideas
- Submission	- Disorder
- Sincerity, impartiality	- Evil
- Righteousness	



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday  
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**We Extend A  
 Warm & Cordial  
 Welcome  
 To All Our  
 Visitors!**

**"Christians Are God's Fellow Workers"**  
 Eric Krieg

The Holy Spirit inspired New Testament writers to use many different names to identify Christians. Each name is worthy of our attention, as it conveys a specific idea about God's expectations for His people. Your responsibility in this study is to examine the names that you are called by God (if you are a Christian) and determine to live up to that expectation.

**The Text (1 Corinthians 3:5-11)**

Paul wrote, "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay that that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

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### **What It Means To Be A Worker**

(1) You have a job to do. If you are a worker, there is work that you must accomplish. You have a responsibility! This work is not to be taken lightly, rather, you must view it as utmost importance in your life.

(2) There is work to be done. As is evident in corporate America, when there is work to be done, a cooperation will hire new employees until that work is complete. Comparatively speaking, there is much work to be done in the spiritual realm, and, very few who are willing to work. Christians will never be “laid off” because of lack of work. There is always work to do!

(3) There is a reward for labor. With secular jobs, there is usually some sort of reward for your labor. Most of the time, that reward comes in the form of monetary payment. However, reward can come in other forms. As Christians, it is our duty to perform the work that God has given to us. We do not deserve the reward that He will give to those who are diligent workers. Yet, He will reward the faithful with an everlasting crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

(4) You are under the direction of God. In the secular world, a worker is under the direction of his/her boss. In the Christian realm, a worker is under the direction of God (more specifically, God’s revealed word). If anyone comes to you professing something other than what God has revealed, you must not receive Him (2 John 9-11). Peter and the other apostles said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

### **What Work Must Be Done**

(1) We must each “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12). We must all be busy transforming ourselves from the corrupt nature of sinful men into being imitators of Christ.

(2) We must each be working with one another. As Christians, we ought to be striving for the same prize. Along the way, we should be trying to help each other in times of struggle and discouragement (and in times of happiness and joy).

(3) We must be busy working to help bring others to Christ. This is the specific work being described in 1 Cor. 3. We must be planting and watering, while God provides the increase. Jesus said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers.”

### **To Be A Successful Worker, You Must:**

(1) Desire to work. A Christian with only a sense of obligation to work for the Lord will not be as fruitful as a Christian motivated by thankfulness, reverence, and love! “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might” (Eccl. 9:10).

(2) Listen to instruction. If we think that growth and improvement is found in us, or in other men, we will be greatly mistaken. “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23).

(3) Yield your own desires to the desires of God. We must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33), not the fulfillment of our carnal desires.

(4) Be content. With whatever our job is, we must be content—always striving to do the best job that we can, not competing with our fellow workers.

### **Conclusion**

You are a “fellow worker” with God. While this work may seem too difficult to handle, you must realize that, with God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). Finally, in times of success, realize: You are nothing, God is everything!?

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 1 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- May 15 – Preach & Eat – 1:30 Service
- Please Note: There Will Be No Bulletin Next Week
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
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