

# WORKS

## Part 3

### The Kinds of Work II

#### “The Works of the Darkness”

1st Co. 3:11-15

## INTRODUCTION

- I. THERE SEVERAL WORDS USED IN SCRIPTURE TO EMPHASIZE BAD WORKS.
  - A. The primary Hebrew word used is “Raw ah”.
    1. “Generally indicates the rough exterior of wrong-doing, as a breach of harmony, and as a breaking up of what is good and desirable in man and in society.” -- Robert Girdlestone --Old Testament Synonyms
    2. **When used morally, it is used of those whose activities bring calamity and injury to others.** -- K.D.J.
    3. Raw ah is used in the Old Testament to note works from the flesh as well as works those perpetuated by satan.
      - a) It is seen in works of the flesh in those worshiping other gods. 1st Kings 14:9
      - b) It is used of those used by satan to trouble Israel. Ps. 37:9
  - B. Phaulos is a word used to describe works done in the body that are “**mean, common, bad, in the sense of being worthless, paltry or contemptible, belonging to a low order of things.**” -- Vines Expository Dictionary cf. John 5:29 (those doing consigned to judgment at the resurrection); 2 Co. 5:10 (some believer’s works may be at Bema seat judgment)
  - C. Kakos is an evil that is done that singularly for one’s own benefit. Cf. Rom. 7:19 (of the evil Paul didn’t desire); 1st Tim. 6:10 (tied to the love of money); Rom. 12:21 (believers urged not to be overcome by it)
  - D. Poneros is a Greek word derived from the classical greek.
    1. Poneo was used in classical Greek of “**to toil, work hard; to toil in the fight; hence to be worn out, exhausted.**” -- Liddell & Scott lexicon
    2. The word poneros is seen in Scripture of **lacking in character activities that are carried out in conspiratorial fashion and perpetuated by satan and his minions for the purpose of disrupting God’s plan and purposes.** -- K.D.J. cf. Acts 17:5 (of opposition to Paul in Thessalonica);
    3. It is contrasted in Scripture with agathos. Cf. Matt. 5:45
    4. The focus of someone could be characterized by poneros evil. Matt. 15:19; Lk. 11:34

5. Ponerous evil can be contemplated in the heart. Matt. 9:4; Col. 1:21 (source of enmity against God); 1st Tim. 6:4 (denotes suspicions); Heb. 3:12 (seen in unbelief); Heb. 10:22 (conscience can be affected) Ja. 2:4 (of imaginations)

II. THIS PERIOD OF TIME IN GOD'S DECREE IS CHARACTERIZED BY PONEROS EVIL.

- A. The "age" reflects ponerous evil. Gal. 1:4
- B. The days characterize ponerous evil. Eph. 5:16
- C. There are specific days when ponerous evil is multiplied in the life of the believer. Eph. 6:13

III. PONEROS EVIL IS SPECIFICALLY TIED TO SATAN AND THE WORKS OF THE DARKNESS.

- A. The deeds of men in the world are seen as ponerous evil. John 3:19
  1. Ponerous evil men love "the darkness". John 3:19
  2. Cain reflected this type of evil in the Old Testament. 1st John 3:12
  3. The entire world "lies" in. 1st John 5:19
- B. Spirits characterized as. Lk. 7:21; 8:2; 11:26; Acts 19:15
- C. Satan is referred to in Scripture as the personification of this kind of evil. Matt. 5:37; 6:13; 13:19, 38; Lk. 11:4; John 17:15; Eph. 6:16
- D. Ponerous works are those works that characterize Satan's mode of operation. Cf. Matt. 18:32 (unforgiveness); Matt. 20:15 (a belief one deserves better than what he received); Matt. 25:26 (laziness); Matt. 5:11; Lk. 3:19; 2 Thess. 3:2 (persecuting God's people); Ja. 4:16 (reflected in boasting); 2 John 1:11 (perpetuating false doctrine); 3 John 1:10 (speaking against saints; hindering saints); Matt. 5:11 (they use lies to persecute God's people)

IV. GOD HAS PROVIDED PROTECTIONS FOR BELIEVERS FROM PONEROS WORKS.

- A. Those during Christ's earthly ministry were told not to resist (antihistemi). Mat. 5:39
- B. He guards (phulasso -- guard cf. Jude 24) believers from the evil one. 2 Thess. 3:3

- C. The apostle Paul expected to be rescued from. 2 Tim. 4:18
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- V. SCRIPTURE DETAILS HOW BELIEVERS ARE TO RESPOND TO THE EVIL WORKS IN THIS AGE.
    - A. Those during Christ's earthly ministry were told not to resist. Mat. 5:39
    - B. Believer's reaction to it is to detest it. Rom. 12:9
    - C. Believers are to abstain from it. 1st Thess. 5:22
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- VI. GOD HAS PLANS TO DEAL WITH ALL PONEROS WORKS.
    - A. Those who perpetuate this type of evil in the church are expected to advance to the worse. 2 Tim. 3:13
    - B. Separation of the ponomos men from those who are righteous will not occur until the end of the Tribulation Period. Matt. 13:49

## CONCLUSION

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### The Kinds of Work III

#### “Good Works”

## INTRODUCTION

- I. AGATHOS WORKS
- II. KALOS WORKS
- III. AGATHOS PRODUCES KALOS.
  - A. Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
  - B. Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
  - C. Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
  - D. Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
  - E. Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

## IV.

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God's role in the Work

1st Co. 3:10-15

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God's role in the Work

1st Co. 3:10-15

- I. GOD PROVIDES GIFTS FOR THE ADJUSTING OF THE SAINTS TO DO THE WORK
  - A. Adjusting Heb. 13:21
  - B. Gifts -- eph. 4:12
- II. GOD WORKS IN THE BELIEVER.

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The Attitude of Work

1st Co. 3:10-15

Thesis: The believer should be abounding in the work of the Lord; and prove his work;

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God currently acquainted with Believer's works

Rev. 2:2, 9, 13; 3:8,15



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## Part 4

### The Judgment of Work

1st Co. 3:10-15

- I. THE WORKS OF MEN WHILE IN THE BODY UPON THE EARTH WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE FOR EACH IN ETERNITY FUTURE.
  - A. God will judge the works of all men. Ro
  - B. The unbeliever's will be judged according to their works at the Judgment of the Sheep and Goats and the Great White Throne Judgments.
  - C. The Grace Believer's works will be judged at the Bema Seat Judgment.
- II. THE WORKS OF MEN ARE CRUCIAL TO THEIR FUTURE STATE BEYOND THIS LIFE.