

# What is God's work?

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(God) Since I am the one that all these churches are blamed on and I am the one that you like to focus on, why not share? No one really knows me that well and yet you all want to give me blame and honor, usually in that sequence.

Of course, as in all things, you can do what you want and you have total freedom to express and experience anything that excites and warms you. Here are some possibilities. On one hand, if you do not go for all of it, then you will question yourself and your commitment to the "work of God." The other point of view is that you are not doing this for God; you are doing it for you. I do not have anything that I need or want from any of you, so why put this back on me? Just because you were brought up in this mode and that you can fall back on this "doing it for God" metaphor, does not mean that it is accurate or healthy.

While it is true that you can rely on this method for getting people to give up their money, the real question for you is what you want from this and what you are willing to give to it in return for your efforts. If you cannot pin this on God, then why would you do it and how would you inspire people to give up their precious time and resources to contribute and build something that you want?

How are you going to find the words and build in the value into this proposition so that people get the most out of it and also that you get out of it what you want? Some people will give you a lot and some people will not give you anything. Why do you want something from others anyway if we are taking care of you at every turn?

(Paul) Good questions, as usual. I know you are pushing me to think here and it is working. You have neglected to bring up the fact that you have continuously prompted and nudged me to share these ideas with others and to help others with the notions that you have shared with me. If these ideas are going to help others and you are relying on me and others to get the word about you out, what form and shape do you want this to be in and what are you going to do to assist in this? It really is your gig, or at least what I interpret as your gig.

So you are turning the tables and getting tough on me? How does that feel? It is about time. It is all about your sense of concern for others and also your sense of the importance of these ideas. I get that you think this is important.

We do not do things half way but we have the eternities to build and develop stuff. For that matter, so do you. You can start with little steps and then move to a full run. Are you up for that or will the efforts be intermittent and spotty? Whatever it is, is ok, but the questions are still with you about what you want to do and what results you want to see happen based on what you are willing to give. There is no panacea in all this just because you feel like you are doing God's work.

It is not God's work and no one else is doing God's work because you are doing what you choose and while it is related to God, it is what you perceive I want and what you want to do based on

what you have been taught and feel is important. You can kick and scream about this all day, but if you say it is God's work, then you are shirking your responsibility in all this. It is what you choose and you do not know what my work is because you have never seen me work and do not even know if that applies to me since who pays me?

What if I do not even like work? What if it is all play and fun to me? What if it all just flows smoothly without friction or effort and that work does not even enter into it until you get your experiences into it and call it work? There are so many different ways that you can push the responsibility of what you think and do out on me, it is getting to be an epidemic. What are your health professionals going to do with a pandemic like this on their hands?

You say that because you are helping others and doing it many times without pay that it is my work? That is an interesting rationale and it works for many of you, but look at what you are saying. What you are doing is trying to do something that makes you feel good and do something for others because that is what you have been taught will make you happy and feel better about yourselves. If you didn't get some kind of good feeling or sense of improving others lives, would you do it?

Some of you get a thrill by hurting or tormenting others or see them scream. Would you say that is God's work as well? It gets a similar response in some in their bodies. Why don't you just choose something like selling cotton candy and say that is God's work? It uses parts of God's creations and makes people's mouths feel good and sweet.

Why is helping another person in one way any better or significant than another way? Why is serving in one church God's work when serving in a concession stand not God's work? Are there only certain organizations that can lay claim to God's work? If that is the case, who was it that determined this? I did not. Why would I play favorites and make some of what you do more important than other work? All of it is what you choose and all of you are a part of God so why is it not all God's work?

Just because one person claims to have talked to God or a group claims to have the words of God or the authority of God does not mean that it is so. Just because you say that what you are doing is not the works of God does not make that so either. If you are doing it for money, does that mean that you are not doing God's work or does it just mean that those that are doing it for money are less in your eyes? Is making money and making a lot of money God's work or is it the work of that devil who wants to lead you away with all your greed?

If you are a part of God and you work, what would you call it? If you choose to do something for yourself and you are a part of God, is that your work or God's work? If you do something that you feel is important for you are you being selfish or godish? Why does it have to be one or the other for you? Why can't you all be Gods and all be doing God's work? If you are killing another person, surely you are not doing God's work. You must be doing something for yourself and be under the influence of evil and the devil.

Does God kill? Does God let people die? Does that mean that I agree to and permit these vile acts and if so, what is the punishment for me if I kill? If you kill then you are in prison for your life, if I kill then I just laugh at you in that evil laugh and then do it again? If I kill a person by letting them die or putting them into the path of a bullet, is that God's work? If I design a system where everything dies

including you, is that God's work? What is God's work if everything that happens is with complete acceptance and design from God? What do you want to call what happens or what you do now?

Wow. I think I stirred up the monster. All I asked is what you want your organization to look like and look what I got. Should I ask more discrete questions in the future? ☺ I got what you are saying to the degree that I can. Thank you for the insights and wisdom that you always share.

So it really is up to me and it is not your work but it is what I choose. If I say that it is your work then it is accurate but everything else here is your work as well if we choose to put it in those terms to help us feel better that we are on a cause that is larger than ourselves. But it does not mean that it is God's work just because we declare it as such. I want to get into this more with you because you haven't answered my question yet. ☺

This has some extensive implications. I was brought up all my life to say that the work I did in the church was God's work or the Lord's work, meaning Jesus. That was the main rationale and motivation for most of the people to pay what they did and do what they did because they were taught that this all benefited you in some way and that also was the incentive for them to tell others about the work and get them involved as well.

Now you are saying that this is not the case but something they created but it was not from you. This could put a lot of churches out of business if this was found out and it also puts their credibility in a very bad place. I wonder if they are liable for refunds?

Let me ask this another way. Let's say that I am interested in putting together an organization that teaches what you, God, have told me and I let people know that this is not your work but it is the work that they choose. As my trusted advisor in all things, what do you recommend that I design this to look like?

You make it look like an organization that would honor and serve in ways that befit the part of you that is God. You take on what you can and then do more as the opportunities and growth allow it. You start small with sharing the information and then see what becomes important to those around you and those who you serve to upgrade the offerings.

You continue to listen to us and especially to the experiences and people that show up and then move ahead with the energy and gusto that you can to move it ahead at light speed, if possible. Yes, there are other very good organizations and you can emulate their best practices and choose others if you see better ways. It is ok to learn as you go and also to figure things out as a part of the process.

If you feel strongly about the importance of our messages, then you will put great effort into all this. If you do not, then fewer people will get to hear about this. It is up to you and you can find many different motivations and incentives for people to contribute to the cause. It is not God's work but it is your work based on what you have received from God. It is a subtle distinction but an important one.