

Matthew 25:21

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

We all look forward to the day when we go to heaven, and we long to hear our Savior say to us, *“Well done, good and faithful servant”*. But before we can hear that, there is something that needs to be done on our part first...

I remember when my teenage son got his first job working at McDonalds, and I told him how proud I was of him and even encouraged him that when he got his first paycheck to splurge and enjoy that first paycheck on whatever he wanted after tithing. I also taught him that for the paychecks after that, that he needed to tithe, put money in a savings account, pay any bills he had, and enjoy the rest. You know, the things a dad wants to teach his kids to do with their money. But once again I remember telling him how proud I was of him, which would have been equivalent to saying *“Well done”*.

But you know what, even though I had said that to my son, I have two others kids, but I could not say to them *“Well done”* because they hadn't gotten a job yet. (Note: I have told them how proud I was of them for other things they had done.)

Yet how many long to hear those words *“Well done, good and faithful servant”* yet are doing nothing at all. All they do is go to church on Sunday, maybe pray and/or read their bible once in a while and that's all they do. It would be like my one son going to work, and my other two kids sitting at home playing video games all day. I am not going to tell them *“Well done”* for doing nothing.

So, what if my son, went to his job everyday and complained the entire time he was there, and did a bad job and I heard about it. Would I still say to him *“Well done”*? Yet, there are those who do for the Lord, and the entire time they complain and tell others how much they are doing for the Lord. The bible speaks on both of these.

For those who complain while they are doing for the Lord, the bible says:

† **1 Corinthians 13:1-3** *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*

How much love is there if you are complaining all the time? I love buying my wife flowers for no other reason then because I love her. But if I went and bought her flowers, and complained

while I was, or even complained in my mind, they would no longer be bought out of love, and if she heard that I was complaining, she wouldn't want the flowers. But I don't complain so she loves them and that makes me happy. But how many are offering the Lord flowers (so to speak), but complain the entire time they are?

For those who boast in what they are doing for the Lord, Jesus says that, ***“When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.”*** Matthew 6:2 (NLT2)

Boasting puts the focus on you, and takes it off of the Lord. So in your boasting, you have your reward with others telling you “Well done”.

So, if you want to hear those words spoken to you by Jesus, ***“Well done, good and faithful servant”***. Do everything for Him whole heartedly as unto the Lord, with no complaining, doing it in love and, ***“when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”*** Matthew 6:3-4 which will include those words, ***“Well done, good and faithful servant”***

- † **Psalm 37:5 (NLT2)** *Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.*
- † **Colossians 3:23-24** *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*