

1. Earlier, I taught 1Ti 6:17 by way of the *Doctrine of Wealth* and when the clock tolled noon, I was about to begin an analysis of verse nineteen by way of the *Doctrine of Divine Good*.
2. Before I return to the study of Paul's charge to Timothy, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:17-18.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present age of the church not to be conceited nor to put their hope in the uncertainty of wealth; but instead to put their trust in God who richly provides all things for us to enjoy;
1Ti 6:18 additionally, urge those who are wealthy to do good, and to be ready to distribute to those less fortunate while also communicating what they know about the source of their wealth.

4. Let's see what further commands Paul has for Timothy.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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1Ti 6:19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1. Taking hold on eternal life by establishing a firm foundation leads me to believe I need to teach this verse by way of reviewing my *Doctrine of Divine Good*.

Doctrine of Divine Good

1. Divine good is production acceptable to God.

2. Divine good is often described in the Scripture by the words “good works.”

2.1 In most cases the word for works is the noun **Ergon** preceded by the adjective **Agathos**.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Joh 10:32 Jesus answered them, Many **good works** have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of **good works** and almsdeeds which she did.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1Ti 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with **good works**.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to **good works**:

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your **good works**, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2.2 Technically speaking, divine good is any production of a believer done while filled with the Spirit and motivated by Bible doctrine.

3. One reason for Scripture, according to 2Ti 3:17, is the production of divine good.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

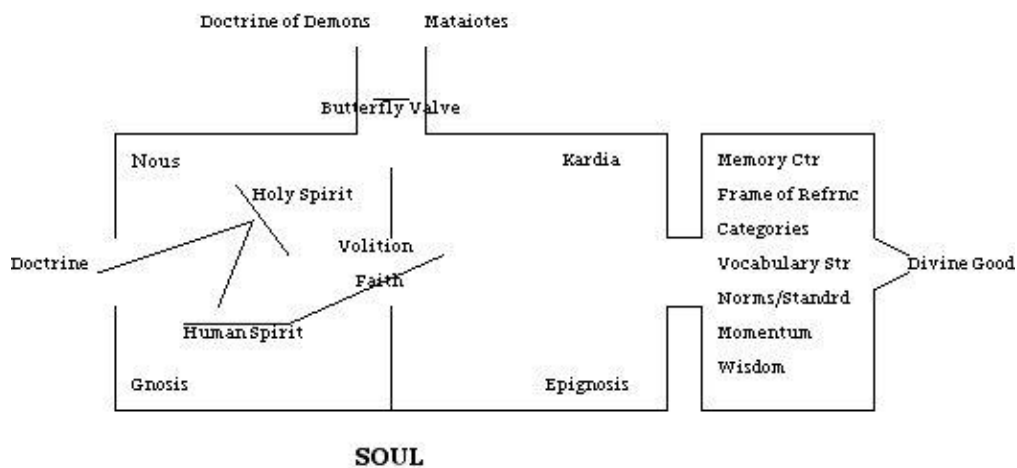
2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all **good works**.

3.1 In 2Ti 3:17 the words translated good works are **Agathos Ergon**.

4. James in Jam 1:25 by way of expanded translation tells us that works, acceptable to God, come from the consistent intake of the Word:

"But the believer who consistently takes in the Word becomes a doer of divine good and as a doer he is happy in his production."

5. God's grace apparatus for perception is designed for the production of divine good.



6. The source of divine good is Bible doctrine:

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 **Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; **and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it,** and knew the grace of God in truth:

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,** and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God **may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him** that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

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