

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

When our kids were growing up, sometimes it was a bit of a challenge to get them to do their chores around the house. We had to periodically remind them, “You live here, and as part of the household, you have responsibilities.” And Karen and I, like typical parents, often had to back up those little warnings and statements of expectation with a few consequences. Then our kids grew older. The difference was amazing! We no longer had to tell them when they came home to help out or pitch in around the house. They did it voluntarily, and it seemed like the motivation was different. It wasn't because they had to do something. They were more mature. They wanted to help.

When it comes to our relationship with God, much like our kids, we need to grow to the place where we don't do things out of drudgery. We should do them because we're grateful. We want to work—not because we want to earn our way into heaven, nor do we work because we're trying to impress God. But good works extend from our heart's desire to show gratitude to Him.

Listen to these words in Ephesians chapter 2 verse 10; “For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Now there is a little bit of a difference here about the works Paul is talking about and the works that we sometimes want to perform. Here, he's talking about the assignments God gives us. God wants us to yield to His development process in our lives and to get the job done. Get busy for Him.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Serving God is not a hassle. When we consider all He's done for us, we gratefully give ourselves to accomplishing His assignments.