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**REQUIREMENTS FOR "THE JOY OF THE LORD"**

(Matthew 25:14-21)

(Matthew 25:21) "His Lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things ... enter into the joy of your Lord"

**1. BE A PERSON WHO HAS "DONE"**

"Done" - brought or having come to an end; completed; all required steps met; finished; nothing remains.

The first step to gain "entrance" is to obey the gospel: (2 Thess. 1:7-8)

(Acts 2:37) "What shall we **do**?" (v38, v41)

(Acts 9:6) "Lord, what do you want me to **do**?" (v18 and Acts 22:6-16)

(Acts 16:30) "Sirs, what must I **do** to be saved?" (v31-33)

(James 1:21-22) "... be ye **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"

**2. BE A PERSON WHO HAS DONE "WELL"**

(2 Cor. 8:12 and Mark 14:8)

(Jer. 48:10) "Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord negligently (deceitfully)"

(Ecc. 9:10) "... do it **with all thy might**"

The people said concerning Jesus: (Mark 7:37) "He has **done all things well**"

**3. BE A PERSON WHO DOES "GOOD"**

(Eph. 2:10) "... created in Christ Jesus for **good works**"

(Luke 10:42) "... and Mary has chosen **that good part**"

(John 5:28-29) "... those who have **done good**, to the resurrection of life"

**4. BE A PERSON WHO IS "FAITHFUL"**

"Faithful" - reliable; dependable; trust-worthy; able to be counted upon.

(1 Corinthians 4:2; Revelation 2:10)

**5. BE A PERSON WHO IS A FAITHFUL "SERVANT"**

"Servant" - attendant; serves; a slave by choice; to minister.

(Romans 6:16; Colossians 3:23-24)

**CLOSE:**

"ENTER INTO" - (2 Peter 1:10-11) "an entrance will be supplied to you"

"THE JOY OF YOUR LORD" - (2 Timothy 4:8) "crown of righteousness ... not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing"