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**"YOUR WORK OF FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE"**

(James 2:14-26)

**INTRODUCTION** - (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3) "... making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing **your work of faith, labor of love** ..." "

**"Work of faith"** - (Hebrews 6:9-12) "... yes, things that accompany salvation ..." "

**"Labor"** - a "work of faith;" activity; serve; specific duty or function; task.

**"Of love"** - cherish; to hold dear; desire; "Love can only be known by the action it prompts. Love expresses itself in action." W.E. Vine

**Work and faith, labor and love, have a connection, a togetherness.**

(1 John 3:18) "let us not love in word or tongue, but in **deed and truth.**"

(KJV 2 Cor. 8:8) "... **prove the sincerity of your love.**"

Example of the woman at Simon's house: (Luke 7:44-47) "She has washed ... wiped ... kiss ... anointed ... her sins, which are many, are forgiven for **she has loved much.**"

**EXAMPLES OF "LABOR" AND "LOVE" WORKING TOGETHER**

**1. GOD** - (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that **He gave** ..." "

(Romans 5:8) "But God **demonstrates His own love** toward us, in that ..." "

(Ephesians 2:4-5) "But God, who is rich in mercy, **because of His great love** with which He loved us ... **made us alive together** ... by grace **you have been saved**"

**2. JESUS** - (Ephesians 5:25) "... just as **Christ loved the church, and gave Himself** for her"

Christ's love for the church is demonstrated: 1) Sacrificially. (Acts 20:28) "the church ... which He purchased with His own blood. 2) Purposefully. (Eph. 5:27) "that He might present her to Himself a glorious church ... " 3) Voluntarily. (John 10:17-18) "I lay down My life ... no one takes it from Me ... " 4) Absolutely. He does not withhold anything needful from us, (Eph. 1:3) "... all spiritual blessings ... "

**3. HUSBANDS** - (Eph. 5:25) "**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ** also loved the church and gave Himself for her." (v28-29) "**as their own bodies**" "nourish and cherish"

**4. ALL OF US** - (John 14:15) "If you love Me, **keep My commandments**"

(1 Corinthians 15:58) "Therefore, my **beloved brethren**, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in **the work** of the Lord, knowing that **your labor** is not in vain in the Lord

(2 John v6) "**This is love, that we walk according to His commandments** ..." "