

EPOC: The Study of Dead Works

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2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP) Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

Instructions:

1. Print out the study guide.
2. Watch the videos at www.epocfoundation.org under "Faith Towards God" or visit EPOC Foundation YouTube channel (The Righteousness of God).
3. Look up each scripture (NKJV) and fill in the blanks and answer each question in the study guide. Some answers are found only in the videos. The more you put into your studying the more you will get out of it.
4. Share what you learn with at least three other people.
5. Send you questions or feedback to info@epocfoundation.org

Key EPOC Foundational Scriptures:

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. ⁴⁹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ (EPOC), let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Merriam-Webster:

deprived of life : no longer alive

- A dead tree
- Dead soldiers
- A dead battery

Dead: nekros adj: Dead, lifeless, useless.

Luke 24:5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the _____?"

Acts 5:10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband.

James 2:26 For as the body without _____, so faith without works is dead also.

Works - *ergon* noun: Work, deed, action, occupation, task, thing, matter.

Mark 13:34 *It is* like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his _____, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

Acts 9:36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

James 3:13 Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we _____ you this: If anyone will not _____, neither shall he eat.



Repentance from Dead Works

To turn away from useless, lifeless activities.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him _____, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Create another example of repentance (the turning away from a behavior) and doing the opposite:

TWO TYPE OF DEAD WORKS

1. UNRIGHTEOUS: adikos adj : Unjust, unrighteous

Merriam-Webster: not righteous: sinful, wicked

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other _____--extortioners, _____, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

Luke 16:10 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is _____ in *what is* least is _____ also in much.

Hebrews 6:10 For God *is* not _____ to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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Old Testament:

Psalms 92:15 To declare that the LORD is _____; *He is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in Him.

Zephaniah 3:5 The LORD *is* _____ in her midst, He will do no _____. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He never fails, But the _____ knows no shame.

The Law:

Deuteronomy 25:16 For all who do such things, all who _____ unrighteously, *are* an _____ to the LORD your God.

The Prophets:

Isaiah 55:7 Let the _____ his way, And the _____ man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

The LORD Jesus Christ:

Matthew 5:45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the _____ and on the _____, and sends rain on the _____ and on the _____.

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The Apostle Paul:

Acts 24:15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of *the* _____ and *the* _____.

Warnings:

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the _____ will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be _____. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will _____ the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19 Now the _____ of the flesh are _____, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and _____; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who _____ such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

In your own words give a definition of the word practice and give an example of it:

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1. UNRIGHTEOUS DEAD WORKS:

Romans 1:18 For the _____ of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and _____ of men, who _____ the _____ in _____, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has _____ it to them.

Define the words:

Suppress: _____

Manifest: _____

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible _____ are _____ seen, being _____ by the things that are _____, even His eternal power and _____, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they _____ God, they did not _____ Him as God, nor were _____, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the _____ of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

How do you glorify God? (When, Where, How) _____

How do you give thanks to God? _____

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Romans 1:24 Therefore God also gave them _____,
in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who
_____ the _____ of God for the _____, and worshiped and
served the _____ rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

How does God express His wrath? _____

Romans 1:26 For this reason God _____ to vile
passions. For even their women _____ the natural use for what is
against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, _____
use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is
_____, and receiving in themselves the _____
of their _____ which was _____.

Describe your relationship to the Scriptures? _____

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain _____ in their knowledge, God
_____ to a debased mind, to _____ those things which are not
fitting; 29 being _____ with all _____,
sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife,
deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud,

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boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the _____ judgment of God, that those who _____ such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also _____ of those who _____ them.

Describes what happens when you reject God and practice unrighteousness dead works:

Circle all that apply to you: (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, & Romans 1:29-31)

fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; and the like (write any other dead works you are practicing: _____)

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2. SELF-RIGHTEOUS DEAD WORKS

Luke 18:9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in _____ that they were _____, and despised others: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, '_____, I thank You that I am not like other men-- extortioners, _____, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I _____ twice a week; I give _____ of all that I possess.' ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be _____ to me a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house _____ *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who _____ himself will be exalted."

Romans 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge _____ the same things. ² But we know that the _____ of God is according to _____ against those who _____ such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those _____ such things, and _____ the same, that you will escape the _____ of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the _____ of God leads you to _____?

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God in His wrath does what? _____

God in His goodness does what? _____

Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your _____ and your _____ you are treasuring up for yourself _____ in the day of _____ and revelation of the righteous _____ of God, ⁶ who "*will render to each one according to his _____*" ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the _____, but obey _____ --indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who _____, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

It is evil to not obey the _____

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of _____, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of _____ from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of _____ of the dead, and of eternal _____.

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2. SELF-RIGHTEOUS DEAD WORKS

Matthew 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ² saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, *that* observe and do, but do not do according to their _____; for they say, and do not do. ⁴ For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. ⁵ But all their _____ they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. ⁶ They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷ greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' ⁸ But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and _____
_____. ⁹ Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. ¹¹ But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who _____ himself will be exalted. ¹³ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in *yourselves*, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

What does the word "hypocrites" mean? _____

What is the purpose of being born again? (John 3:1-5) _____

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2. SELF-RIGHTEOUS DEAD WORKS (cont)

Matthew 23:14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, _____!

For you devour widows' houses, and for a _____ make long prayers.

Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make

him twice as much a son of _____ as yourselves. ¹⁶ Woe to you, blind guides, who

say, 'Whoever swears by the _____, it is nothing; but whoever swears by

the gold of the temple, he is obliged *to perform it*.¹⁷ Fools and blind! For which is greater,

the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? ¹⁸ And, 'Whoever swears by the _____,

it is nothing; but whoever swears by the _____ that is on it, he is obliged *to perform*

it.¹⁹ Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

²⁰ Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. ²¹ He who

swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. ²² And he who swears by

_____, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. ²³ Woe to

you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay _____ of mint and anise and

cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: _____

and _____ and _____. These you ought to have done, without

leaving the others undone. ²⁴ _____ guides, who strain out a gnat and

swallow a camel! ²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the

outside of the cup and dish, but _____ they are _____ of extortion and

_____. (adikia noun: unrighteousness) ²⁶ Blind

Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean

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also. ²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all

_____.

_____ ²⁸ Even so you also _____ to men, but _____ you are full of hypocrisy and

_____.

²⁹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

³⁰ and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers

with them in the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves

that you are sons of those who _____ the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the

measure of your fathers' *guilt*. ³³ _____, brood of vipers! How can you

escape the condemnation of _____?

What do serpents represent in the bible? _____

What kind of works did Jesus say the Pharisees and scribes did? _____

What kind of religious works do you do and why? _____

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DEAD WORKS: UNRIGHTEOUS & SELF-RIGHTEOUS

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a _____ man on earth who does _____ And does not _____.

Psalms 143:2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight _____ one living is _____.

Romans 3:10 As it is written: " _____
_____";

1 John 5:17 All _____ is sin,

Romans 3:23 for _____ and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For _____, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is the result of living in unrighteous dead works?

What is the result of living in self-righteous dead work?

What are we to do after we repent from dead, useless, lifeless works?

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ASSIGNMENTS:

REVIEW: Go back and review all your notes and list below the most important things you've learned as a result of completing this study:

1.

2.

3.

ACTION: What actions are you going to take as a result from what you have learned?

1.

2.

3.

SHARE: List the names of three people you will share what you learned and the action steps you are going to be taking.

1.

2.

3.

READ: Get a paperback New Testament that does not have any commentary, start in Matthew and read through it as fast as you can (Don't take more than a month). Carry it with you everywhere you go so you can read it when you have an opportunity. Don't worry about the things you don't understand, just read it cover to cover as quickly as you can.