

30th Anniversary Exhortation

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Text: Hebrews 6:10-12

Introduction

I. Love and Good Works (10)

- A. Twice in Hebrews, “works” is paired with *love*.
 - i. Hebrews 10:24
 - ii. Good works are works of love. If separated, they become “dead works.”
- B. What is it that God will not forget?

*As we look over our 30 years, what will be **remembered by God** is not our great building, though I am grateful, but our works and the love we have shown one another... and beyond.*

II. Diligence to the End (11)

- A. Gulf Coast is positioned now to be even more fruitful in the future than we have ever been in the past, because of the work of others, and because of the work you will do.
- B. We must be diligent to the end if our hope is to be fully realized.

III. Faith and Patience (12)

- A. “How can we shine brighter in this community in the next 30 years than we have in the first 30?”
- B. Faith and patience are required, for it is only those who finish the race that win the prize.

LIVE THE STORY

The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.

- Why might there always be a tension between a desire to help the church with “audience capture” and “faithfulness” or “Christlikeness” when it comes to the mission of the church?
- In the text, what is it that God will not forget about these believers and their gathered life? Does anything seem noticeably absent?
- How does our text put emphasis on “finishing the race” (ref. Heb. 12)? Why is this important for us as believers?
- Why must faith and patience go together in order for faith to remain faith? Why must love and works go together in order for works to be good and not dead?