

Accomplishments

John 15:4-8 HCSB Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. (5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. (6) If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. (7) If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. (8) My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples.

Obeying God is life's greatest accomplishment.

- **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 HCSB** When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity. 14 For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.
- **Matthew 22:36-39 HCSB** "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (37) He said to him, "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.** (38) This is the greatest and most important commandment. (39) The second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Getting ready for heaven, preparing for eternity in God's heavenly home, is not accomplished by any work we do but simply by faith, believing that Jesus Christ died for our sins so that we wouldn't have to. Salvation, this greatest of accomplishments, is not the work of our hands but the work of god in our heart.

- **Romans 1:17 HCSB** For in it God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9 HCSB** For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift-- (9) not from works, so that no one can boast.
- **Titus 3:5 HCSB** He saved us--not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

God planned before He accomplished- this is a good model for us to follow.

- **Isaiah 25:1 HCSB** LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You. I will praise Your name, for You have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.
- **Acts 2:23 HCSB** Though He was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him.
- **Acts 13:36 HCSB** For David, after serving his own generation in God's plan, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and decayed.
- **Acts 20:27 HCSB** for I did not shrink back from declaring to you the whole plan of God.
- **1 Timothy 1:4 HCSB** or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God's plan, which operates by faith.
- **Revelation 10:7 HCSB** but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he will blow his trumpet, then God's hidden plan will be completed, as He announced to His servants the prophets."
- **Revelation 17:17 HCSB** For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His plan by having one purpose, and to give their kingdom to the beast until God's words are accomplished.

It is impossible for one person to play a duet or a trio. It is hard to play football or soccer without teamwork. It is hard to have a happy marriage if only one mate works at it. Two people can actually do more than twice as much as one- as long as they are pulling in the same

direction. To accomplish the most we need to try to find like-minded and like-called people and team together with them.

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 HCSB Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. 10 For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm; but how can one person alone keep warm? 12 And if somebody overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

There is a healthy satisfaction from accomplishment, which includes thanksgiving to God for what he has done through us. But it is arrogance to think we did the deed all by ourselves.

- 1 Corinthians 4:7 HCSB For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it?