

Works

It is important to integrate good works into your everyday life. As you go about your day, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good works. Some examples of common good works can include:

1. Picking up trash.
2. Donating to the poor and/or to strangers.
3. Helping others.
4. Volunteering in ways that help the community.
5. Homemaking.

During homemaking, it is common for example to make food for others. This is a good work. There are often many opportunities around the home to do something that will benefit others within the family or visitors.

There are many jobs that involve doing some kind of work that may appear as a good work. For example, if your job is working at a restaurant making food or cleaning tables, this may appear to be similar to a good work, as it involves some of the same activities as homemaking. However, this is simply work, rather than a good work, since you would typically get compensated for the work. This is the important distinction between many types of works and good works. Good works are performed without any expectation of compensation in return, while ordinary works may involve doing what would be considered a good work, but with compensation.

Therefore, it is important to look for opportunities to perform good works and to integrate them into your daily life whenever possible. Otherwise, it can become altogether too easy to simply live a life doing many works, without doing many good works.

It is recommended to avoid not so good works whenever possible. Not so good works can quickly incur a substantial cosmic "debt" that may be hard to repay or may take an entire lifetime of good works to repay. Some common examples of not so good works can include:

1. Taking credit for something that you didn't personally do.
2. Failing to give credit to others where credit was due.
3. Cheating.
4. Borrowing money and not paying it back.
5. Taking advantage of others, especially those weaker than oneself.

When making bargains or negotiating deals with others, it is important not to drive the hardest bargain or try to get the best possible deal for yourself. If you do, you can easily end up unintentionally taking advantage of others, especially when the person you are bargaining with is somehow not as good at bargaining as you are.

Basically, try to live your life in a way that avoids selfish things, while at the same time, try to live constantly on the lookout for ways that you can benefit the community or others beyond yourself. If you adhere to this simple principle, it is easy to get into heaven, as one would then only need to have sufficient faith in God and the afterlife.