

My Boss Is A Jewish Carpenter

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_____ worked/labored

⁸ He who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns midnight into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land— the LORD is his name. **Amos 5:8 (NIV)**

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)**

But Jesus' work was not _____

_____ worked/labored

Jesus labored with his hands for about twenty years - six times as long as his three-year public ministry.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28 (NIV)**

He gave his bride “_____” to do before he left.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ...²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18, 20 (NIV)**

Christians _____ work/labor

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)**

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **Mark 16:15 (NIV)**

“You and I are called to do all we can to bring _____ and _____ to those in need.” **Billy Graham**

³¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ ³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ ⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you

didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'⁴⁵ "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'⁴⁶ "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." **Matthew 25:31-46 (NLT)**

¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. **Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)**

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16 (NIV)**

My Next Step Today Is To..

- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 5:16
- Thank at least 3 people who work in our church for the things they do.
- Give thanks to God everyday as He gives me a chance to bring help and hope to those in need.
- Give my heart to Jesus, for the first time, and become part of God's family