

# Family Focus

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

### “NO HOLDING BACK... GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE LORD”



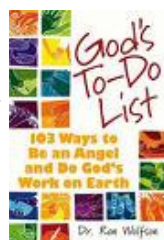
This is the message of I Corinthians 15:57-58 (NIV): “but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”

Someone has aptly said...”I don’t want to rust out, I want to wear out!” Those are my sentiments exactly! If this life is temporary, and it is, and we are simply preparing for a better life, and we are, why not give it your best shot --- RIGHT NOW! There is no need to put any talent or energy

on deposit...in storage! We have an example of burying one’s talent for “safe keeping” which forewarns of such nonsense!

We live in a fast-paced world. And, there are a lot of areas in which we need to slow down and take it easy. BUT THE WORK OF THE LORD IS NOT ONE OF THEM! The Lord wants everything we have to offer. The task laid out before us demands it. As Christians we are obligated to give it! The challenge is – GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE LORD! Such zeal and dedication make us steadfast, immovable and assure that we will **ABOUND IN THE WORK OF THE LORD** in order that we might claim **THE VICTORY PROVIDED IN CHRIST!**

Nothing can be more satisfying than to be totally used up in some work of Christian Service! Just talk to those who have just returned from camp—a whole week and only an average of 4 hours of sleep per night—going strong day and night—pushing physical bodies to the limit—would they trade it for anything else?—**ABSOLUTELY NOT!** The same spiritual “high” can be attained as we dedicate ourselves to giving ourselves **FULLY** on the local scene!



There’s no holding back in serving the Lord in a pleasing way. Church members who do so are only warming a pew and will not know faithfulness in this life or the full reward in the life to come!

In His service,  
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