



1 Thess. 2:9

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LIKE PAUL DID

*“For you remember, brethren, our **labor** and toil; for **laboring** night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)

- Continually, regularly
 - Until it becomes our nature
- Like the Thessalonians...
 - 1 Thess. 1:3

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LIKE WE TRUST GOD

*“For to this end we both **labor** and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.” - 1 Tim. 4:10 (NKJV)*

- It begins with faith that trusts God
 - Mt. 6:24-32
- It ends with a trustworthy promise from a faithful God
 - Mt. 6:33

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WITH ETERNITY IN MIND

*“Do not **labor** for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”*

- John 6:27 (NKJV)

- Where are we putting in work?
- Where are we laying up treasure?
- What are we busy sowing?
- What are we expecting to reap?

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LIKE OUR REWARD DEPENDS ON IT

*“Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own **labor.**”*

- 1 Cor. 3:8 (NKJV)

- Because it does
 - Rom. 2:1-11
 - *“...their works follow them.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- Not meritorious works, we can **not** earn salvation...
- Works that *“make perfect”* our saving faith – James 2:21-24
 - *“faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead”* (James 2:20;26)

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LIKE WE KNOW WE SHOULD

*“... knowing that your **labor** is not in vain in the Lord.”*
- 1 Cor. 15:58 (NKJV)

KNOWING HE KNOWS WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

*“I know your works, your **labor**, your patience...”*
- Rev. 2:2 (NKJV)

SO WE CAN HAVE REST FROM OUR LABOR

*“Let us **labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief...”*
- Heb. 4:11 (KJV)



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