

Christians must be hard working communicators of the word.

I. God's work and word save us.

A. Chosen (2:13-15)

1. Firstfruits

2. Sanctified by the Spirit

3. Called through the gospel. (2:14)

4. Obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus.

5. Our response to this work of God is to believe the truth.

B. Loved, Encouraged, Established (2:13, 16, 17)

II. We respond to God's love with hard work and faithfulness to the Word. (2:17b)

A. The Word

1. Stand firm in doctrinal truth. (2:15)

2. Pray that the Word (gospel) will speed forward and be received with honor. (3:1)

B. Work

1. Because of the Lord's faithful work in you, we believe that you will do ... (3:3-4)

2. Preparation for work: (3:5)

3. Be busy, not busybodies. (3:11-12)

4. Do not grow weary in doing good! (3:13)

How does this apply to me?