

Hebrews 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Analysis

After the severe warning, comfort follows. 'God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love' assures believers that genuine faith produces observable fruit that God notices. Works done 'toward his name' in serving the saints demonstrate authentic love for God. God's righteousness guarantees He will reward faithful service. This verse distinguishes true believers (who serve) from false professors (who fall away).

Historical Context

The recipients had suffered persecution and helped fellow believers (10:32-34). Their sacrificial love evidenced genuine conversion, encouraging the author about their spiritual state despite his warnings.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What labor of love have you shown toward fellow believers that evidences your faith?
2. How does God's promise to remember your service motivate continued faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

οὐ γὰρ ἄδικος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιλαθέσθαι τοῦ ἔργου
is not **For** **unrighteous** G3756 G1063 G94 G3588 **God** **to forget** G2316 G1950 G3588 **work** G2041

ὑμῶν καὶ τοῦ κόπου τῆς ἀγάπης ἣς ἐνεδείξασθε
your **and** G5216 G2532 G3588 **labour** G2873 G3588 **of love** **which** **ye have shewed** G26 G3739 G1731

εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ διακονοῦντες τοῖς ἁγίοις καὶ
toward G1519 G3588 **name** **his** **do minister** G1247 G3588 **to the saints** **and** G40 G2532

διακονοῦντες
do minister G1247

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 10:42 (Parallel theme): And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Hebrews 13:16 (References God): But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Galatians 6:10 (Parallel theme): As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Acts 10:4 (References God): And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (Love): Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

Proverbs 14:31 (Parallel theme): He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

Colossians 3:17 (References God): And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Mark 9:41 (Parallel theme): For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

1 Timothy 6:18 (Parallel theme): That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Acts 11:29 (Parallel theme): Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: