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How do you respond when dad or mom asks you to do work around the house? Do you grumble or complain? If you are a follower of Jesus, God has work for you to do, like serving others, obeying your parents, and telling others the good news about Jesus. In this verse, God promises to help you as you work for him.

First, notice what we are to be doing; ***the work of the Lord***. Anything you do to obey or serve God can be doing *the work of the Lord*. When you pray or worship or read your Bible, you are doing the work of the Lord. When you help or encourage someone, you are doing the work of the Lord. When you invite a friend to church, you are doing the work of the Lord. Second, notice how often we are to do this. We are to do it - not every now and then - but all the time. We should be ***always abounding*** in God's work. Why? Because we are ***steadfast*** in our faith. We know we are saved by trusting in Jesus alone and not by works. But we also know that God has called us to follow him. He has given us work to do and he is able to use our work to accomplish his purposes. Nothing we do for God is ever wasted. Instead, it will bring results that will last forever.

A famous pastor said it this way, "Those who serve God have good wages; they cannot do too much nor suffer too much for so good a Master. If they serve him now, they shall see him later; if they suffer for him on earth, they shall reign with him in heaven; if they die for his sake, they shall rise again from the dead and inherit eternal life."

How can knowing this promise help you when you're discouraged or tempted to give up following Jesus?