

Solution to Study 0011

A. Based on the scriptures below, please complete the following statements about 'dead works': A dead work is:

- **Romans 7:5** living according to the dictates of the sinful nature
- **2 Timothy 3:5** having the form of godliness with no corresponding power; that is, **RELIGIOUS FORMALISM**
- **1 Timothy 5:6; Luke 8:14; 1 John 2:15-17** seeking worldly pleasures
- **2 Samuel 7:1-17** anything that is not approved by God
- **Acts 5:1-10** anything that is done with wrong motives
- **Matthew 7:21-23** doing things that seem good, but which are not in obedience to God
- **Matthew 6:1** doing good deed to be seen of men
- **Revelation 3:1** living on the reputation of man, apart from God
- **Revelation 2:20** following teachings that lead to sinful and disobedient living
- **Revelation 3:15-16** not living a loyal or devoted life wholly to God

B. Dead works can be categorized into two (2) broad categories. Using the scriptures below, state these two broad categories.

- **Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 3:8** Things done by someone in whom is not the Spirit of God; that is, someone who is not born again
- **Revelation 3:1-2** Things done by someone who is born again, but that fall short of God's standard

C. In spite of the fact that dead works would naturally have been more associated with those who are not born again, we find that many so-called born again individuals are engaging in dead works. Why? (The scriptures below are provided to help you. Please feel free to use any other scriptures that will help you provide a fuller answer)

Romans 8:5-9; Proverbs 16:25; James 1:13-15; Galatians 5:16; Matthew 6:1.

- *They are mindful or concerned with things of the flesh – CARNALITY*
- *They think that their own way of doing things is the right way*
- *They are being directed by the lusts in them*
- *They are led by the flesh or the old sinful nature*
- *They want to look good before men*
- *They have not been sanctified by the Holy Spirit*
- *They do not ask God for direction before doing anything*
- *They are not living by faith*
- *They prefer their way to God's way*

Conclusion

The way out of dead works is repentance; which implies that you realize and acknowledge that you have been engaging in dead works, and confess these acts before God. It also requires that you change and begin to do good works henceforth.