

Good Reasons For Raising Dorcas

Striving Together

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So what are some good reasons for raising Dorcas?

1. As a disciple: she lived **up to her name**. (verse 36)
 - a. Tabitha – Hebrew ; Dorcas – Greek and both mean "**gazelle**"
 - b. Her name and her character **matched**.
2. As to her deeds: She was **full of good works**. (verse 36)
 - a. Acts 10:38 "God anointed Jesus .. who went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."
 - b. Tt 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. Also - Mt 5:16; Eph 2:10; **Tt 3:14**; Heb 10:24; 1 Pe 2:12
 - c. Can we serve like Dorcas? Of course we can!
 - i. She served **habitually**. Verse 36
 - ii. She served **abundantly**. Verse 36
 - iii. She served **usefully** – verse 36, 39
 - iv. She served **humbly** and to the humble. Verse 39.
 1. 1 Ti 5:3 Honor widows who are really widows.
 2. Jas 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
 - v. She served according to her **ability**. Verse 39 –
 3. As to her death: It was deeply felt – but **shortly endured**
 - a. Verse 37 – they didn't want to bury her
 - b. Verse 39 – the widows displayed all of Dorcas' handiwork and their broken hearts.
 - c. Verses 40-41 – the Lord delivered her from death.
 - d. Verse 42 – The Lord delivered many **from their sin**
 - e. Verse 43 – The Lord also directed Peter to the gentiles and beyond his **prejudice**.