



## Keeping Up with Spiritual Upkeep

Rosanne kissed her sweaty husband. “Thank you for washing the windows, Pat. They’re beautiful.” Pat nodded and took a big gulp of the water Rosanne had just handed him. Then he glanced at his maintenance calendar. “We’ll change our clocks tomorrow. I might as well go ahead now and change the batteries in our alarms,” he said as he headed out the door.

Rosanne glanced at the activities calendar. If it weren’t for those calendars, she and Pat both would forget just about everything: dentist appointment Monday, children’s Bible club every Tuesday, prayer meeting on Wednesdays, getting the car washed this Saturday morning, visiting the nursing home Saturday afternoon, and on and on. When Pat came back, Rosanne nodded toward the list in his hand. “Do you think this is what Paul had in mind when he wrote “be careful to maintain good works,” she joked.

1. How is maintaining good works like maintaining one’s teeth, car, or house?
2. Read Titus 3:8. What other “good works” could Pat and Rosanne add to their activities calendar because those things are “good and profitable”? (Example: Setting a weekly time for Bible study and prayer, just the two of them alone.)
3. What good works are you involved in regularly? What good works do you need to be careful to maintain?
4. What “good work” will you add to your life, which you will be careful to maintain for God’s glory and your profit? for others’ profit?