

Roll Up Your Shirtsleeves and Get to Work! (James 2:1-18)

Introduction: Milking cows with grandpa - *“It’s time to roll up your shirtsleeves”*

- I. ALL PEOPLE NATURALLY SEEK GLORY, NOT HARD WORK
 - A. This was true in the Church of James: *Not our shirtsleeves!* (James 2:1-18)
 - B. This was also true in the life of Peter (Mark 8:27-35)
 - C. What about us today?

- II. GOD’S PEOPLE FIND TRUE GLORY IN SERVING OTHERS
 - A. This is the Gospel: Jesus *rolled up His ‘shirtsleeves’ for us* (Matthew 20:28)
 - B. This is the Gospel: God strengthens us today for the task of *rolled up shirtsleeves*
 - C. A beautiful word picture from Isaiah: *the strong soldier lifting the wounded soldier* (Isaiah 50:7)
 - D. *Rolling up our shirtsleeves* in service to others is actually serving God (Matthew 25:40)
 - E. The legend of Roman soldier: *Martin of Tours*

Conclusion: *“Roll up your shirtsleeves!”*