

DO YOUR BEST FOR GOD

(Ecc. 9:10-13)

INTRODUCTION - (v10) Whatsoever thy hand find to do, do it with thy might;
for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, where you go”

WHO? - “thy” - you; me; individuals; all of us; no one is exempt.

WHAT? - “whatsoever thy hand finds to do” - anything; all things we would do;
no matter what type, degree, kind, or quality of the thing we are to do.

HOW? - “do it with all thy might” - use the talent, ability, and effort we have.

This text is not concerned with the outcome (result); it is concerned with our “might”
(effort; using what we have; trying; not quick to quit).

“Triumph” is “try” with “umph” behind it.

WHEN? - while we are alive on earth: (Ecc. 1:2) “What profit has a man of all his labor
which he takes under the sun?”

(John 9:4) “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: for the night comes,
when no man can work”

(Heb. 3:15) “To-day” (2 Cor. 6:2) “now” (1 Tim. 6:7)

WHY? - “in the grave, where you go” “... there is no work, device, knowledge, wisdom”

(Heb. 9:27) “is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment”

1. SOME DO NOT DO THEIR BEST: WHY?

- 1) Developed a habit of laziness (Prov. 19:24).
- 2) Developed a quitter-spirit, not finishing what they start.
- 3) Are content to live mediocre lives, and adapted to a “just get by” society.
- 4) May not have been taught to give their “might” to the task of worship and work;
so we teach and re-teach second-mile, coat and cloak, add a little more, ...

(Mtt. 6:33) “seek” - pursue; diligence. “first” - priority; number one.

2. DO YOUR BEST: WHY?

- 1) (Rms. 14:12) (Amos 4:12). 2) That’s all you can do (2 Cor. 8:12). 3) Not doing
your best is doing less than your best. 4) Positive results (John 13:35) (Rms. 14:7).
- 5) It’s a reward within itself; you know you used your “might,” bringing peace of mind.

3. DO YOUR BEST: HOW?

- 1) Make it a resolution: "I will use my might, do my best, for God"
- 2) Develop a plan to do your best. It won't just happen: "Fail to plan is to plan to fail"
- 3) Know that sometimes, try as you may, you may fail to do your best; so, review this list of recommendations or helps. Have a "911" friend.
(Rms. 7:19)
- 4) Pray for wisdom: (James 1:5-6)
- 5) Remember, God is interested in your faithfulness: (1 Cor. 4:2) (Rev. 2:10)
- 6) Try, try, try, and try again.
- 7) Examine yourself at day's end, and ask, "Have I given it my 'might'?"
And remember that tomorrow is a new day, and resolve to improve.
- 8) Develop a positive attitude in Christian living: (Phil. 4:13-14) "I can do ..."
- 9) Put "doing your best" into practice.
- 10) Do your best knowing that others care about you.
- 11) Study God's word for guidance and strength: (Psalm 119:97-105)

CLOSE - in "whatsoever," give it your "might."

Give it your best in becoming a Christian by doing it God's way.