

Always Do Your Best

- Introduction:
1. One of the primary lessons from the Sermon on the Mount is that God is interested in more than just our actions - He's also interested in our attitudes (Matthew 5-7).
 2. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
 3. (Daniel 6:3) An excellent spirit was in Daniel.
 4. (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Whatever your hand finds to do...
 5. So it's clear that the Lord wants our best, but how do we go about giving it to him.

I. By Remembering We Need To Do Good Works

- A. (Revelation 3:8).
- B. (Acts 10:38).
- C. (Ephesians 5:16).
- D. Ills. Fred Factor and girl in Courthouse.
- E. (Titus 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14) Pattern, zealous, ready, maintain...good works.
- F. Opportunities can be wasted.
 1. Ills. of man wanting to be baptized.
 2. Ills. of preacher who didn't answer his phone.
 3. Ills. of man who attended church for first time, then he died that night.

II. By Remembering Whom We Are Serving

- A. (Colossians 3:22-23).
- B. What has God or Jesus ever done to you to cause you to withhold service to them?
- C. Jesus didn't want to do everything he did, but he did it for us.
 1. (Matthew 26:39).
 2. (Hebrews 12:2).

III. By Remembering How Others Have Served

- A. (Hebrews 11-12).
- B. (2 Corinthians 11:22-31).
- C. (2 Maccabees 7).
- D. Ills. Of going to Heaven and speaking to group of martyrs.

- Conclusion:
1. Like with many things, knowing and doing are two different things.
 2. We all know we should give the Lord our best, but how do we do it.
 3. I think remembering these three things will help motivate us to give the Lord our best.
 - a. Remember there's work to do.
 - b. Remember whom we are serving.
 - c. Remember how others have served.