

You Do a Great Work for the Lord

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One time Ian MacLaren went to a certain house and saw an old Scotch woman standing in her kitchen, weeping. She wiped her eyes with the corner of her apron. When the pastor asked her what was the matter, she confessed, "I have done so little." She continued, "I am so miserable and unhappy."

"Why?"

"Because I have done so little for Jesus. When I was just a wee girl, the Lord spoke to my heart and I did so much want to live for Him."

"Well, haven't you?" asked the minister.

"Yes, I have lived for Him, but I have done so little. I want to be of some use in His service."

"What have you done?"

"I will tell you. I have washed dishes, cooked three meals a day, taken care of the children, mopped the floor, and mended the clothes. That is all I have done all my life, and I wanted to do something for Jesus."

The preacher, sitting back in the armchair, looked at her and smiled. "Where are you boys?" he inquired.

She had four sons and had named them after Bible characters. "Oh, my boys? You know where Mark is. You ordained

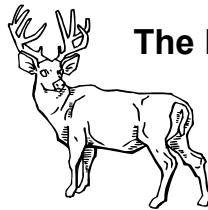
"It is high time that the ideal of success should be replaced by the ideal of service." — Einstein

him yourself before he went to China. Why are you asking? He is preaching for the Lord."

"Where is Luke?" questioned the minister.

"Luke? He went out from your own church. Didn't you send him out? I had a letter from him the other day." She continued, "A revival has broken out on the mission station, and he said they were having a wonderful time in the service of the Lord!"

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The Deer Hunter

Spurgeon

The deer hunter gets out of bed long before the sun is up, and climbs the mountains. He watches from the first gray light for the creature which is the object of his pursuit. Ask him how it is when he returns late in the evening that he has had nothing to eat all day long. He will answer, "I never thought of it. I saw a chamois on a distant crag and I hastened after it. I leaped the ravines. I climbed the steep faces of the rocks. I was almost

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Working with the Boss

Bill Brinkworth

In Pastor Renshaw's recent preaching, my heart was stirred by the preacher's charge, "What do you want from Jesus?" Some would quickly request they wanted their marriage fixed, a better job, the right mate, and countless other desires. The more spiritual would choose to be closer to God, as they realize that having a closer relationship to God would provide both spiritual and physical needs. I thought about the preacher's question, and applied it to myself and believe God gave me my answer to the preacher's question in my life.

I love working in a ministry. One of the reasons I like to do things around the church and in the ministry is because I get to work alongside good Christians and also fellowship with them. Most of the time we have too many things to do to really afford a time to have one-to-one fellowship, but working in a ministry allows us to have fellowship together and do something for the Lord at the

same time. Sometimes, as an added bonus when working in a ministry, I even get to fellowship more with the preacher. I get to work more directly with the "boss", who is usually way too busy to be able to spend time with all the church members.

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The Faithful Teacher

D. L. Moody

A 75 year-old woman had a Sunday school class two miles away in the mountains.

One Sunday there came a terrible storm of rain, and she thought at first she would not go that day, but then she thought, "What if someone should go and not find me there?" She then put on her waterproof coat, umbrella and overshoes, and away she went to her Christian work.

When she got there, she found one solitary young man and taught him the best she knew how all the afternoon. She never saw him

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My thoughts about what I want from Jesus continued. While I am most comfortable being around God's people and enjoy working with them, the real reason for my enjoyment in doing so is, while active in a ministry, I get to see more closely the working of God. While at "work" in a ministry I get to have a closer relationship with the Lord, get to see how He is currently working in lives, how He answers people's prayers and needs, and how He does the "impossible". God's workings are probably more real to me than one who only comes to church on Sunday, because I get to see Him work more often.

Yes, I could be fishing on Saturday, instead of inviting children to come to church on Sunday, but then I would miss being at their home at the right time to talk with a person that was just waiting for someone to stop by; so they could find out more about being saved. I could have watched a Saturday TV movie rather than study for my Sunday school lesson for several hours, but then I would have missed how the "worst" child in class got saved and was transformed to be the most interested and changed Bible student in the whole class. It would have been more relaxing and less stressful

if I did not go out visiting folks on Thursday night, but then I would have missed the hundreds that have gotten saved and gotten things right with God over all these years.

The greatest experience I have ever had in my life has been to do something for the Lord. I know I am not the smartest, best worker, nor the best teacher, but I get to work with the "Boss". There are tremendous advantages and blessings when you work closely with God.

Saved person, is your life without a purpose, and without excitement? Do you have the deep down feeling that your life is missing something; that there is some emptiness in your life? If so, then I encourage you to work for the "Boss". You are robbing yourself of an exciting life, when you only live for yourself and do not do anything for Him. When you serve God, you will see, hear, and experience wonderful things that you would miss otherwise. There is no greater joy than to have a close working relationship with the Father! Get involved in a ministry for the Lord today. Pray about what He would have you do, and even shock your pastor by asking him how you can get involved in a ministry today!

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again, and I don't know but the old woman may have thought her class had been a failure that day.

That week the young man enlisted in the army, and in a year or two after, the teacher got a letter from the soldier thanking her for going through the storm that Sunday. The young man thought that stormy day he would just go and see if the teacher was in earnest, and if she cared enough about souls to go through the rain. He found she came and taught him as carefully as if she were teaching a large class, and God made that the occasion of winning the young man to Christ. When he lay dying in a field hospital, he sent the message to the old woman that he would meet her in heaven. Was it not a glorious thing that she did not get discouraged because she had but one Sunday-school scholar? Be willing to work with one. You will never know, this side of eternity, what God will do with your efforts.

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"Where is Matthew?"

"He is with his brother in China. And isn't it fine that the two boys can be working together? I am so happy about that. And John came to me the other night, he is my baby and is only nineteen, but he is a great boy. He

"When generous acts bloom from unselfish thought, the Lord is with us though we know it not." — Larcom

said, 'Mother, I have been praying and, tonight in my room, the Lord spoke to my heart, and what do you suppose He told me? I have to go to my brother in Africa!'"

The pastor looked at her, "And you say your life has been wasted in mopping floors, darning socks, washing dishes, and doing trivial tasks. I'd like to have your mansion in Glory when we are called home! It will be very near the throne because of your great workings for the Master!"

The Deer Hunter

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on my prey, but it was gone. I crept up to another range again, holding my breath lest the scent of me should alarm the watchful buck. I thought of nothing but my sport; and I never knew what hunger meant until my bullet found its mark in the heart of my prey, and I had drawn out my hunting-knife. It was not until I began to lift the game to my shoulder that I remembered that I had neither eaten nor drunk that day."

If only there were more workers for the Lord with less thought for themselves and more thought on the prey for the glory of God!

"When God needs something done near where you live, are you the first servant He thinks of using?"