## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- September 21, 2017

## "Being An Oxymoron"

Can you imagine a major league baseball player leading the league in making the most errors...in being struck out the most times...in hitting into the most double plays – and still being voted Most Valuable Player for that year?

It happened in 1942. Joe Gordon did all those things and still won the MVP award that season in the American League.

So what's the <u>lesson</u> here? Joe Gordon's case shows that even though you have faults, you can overcome them and be recognized for your good points.

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way; if you don't, you'll find an excuse. Successful people don't necessarily <u>have</u> the best of everything. They just <u>make</u> the best of everything.

Benjamin Franklin's view of persuading others to his point-of-view reads like an admonition found in the Bible:

One, Know what you're after.

Two, Do your homework. Research it thoroughly.

Three, Be persistent. Don't give up easily. Hang tough!

Four, Keep your sense of humor.

Most of the followers of Christ had "Oxymoron Personalities."

- Saul the murderer became Paul the Apostle.
- Matthew the tax-collector became Matthew the Apostle of Christ.
- The Samaritan adulterous woman became An Evangel of Truth.

The list goes on and on. What about you? God loves you. He hates our sins but He loves us in spite of our sins. He can take the sour lemon of life and make it into tasty lemonade - whatever that means to God. See you in church Sunday!

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin