

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 15, 2015

“What Am I Living For?”

I remember a very old song; it goes like this: “What am I living for, IF NOT FOR YOU...” Though it is secular, I will recast it in this devotional and say: “We are living to please God and to do good works.”

Most of us know what it is like to feel small. We look around and see people performing with peak proficiency. But in God's economy, Big Isn't Always Better. Remember the poor widow in Luke 21 who gave her “mite” (1/20 of a penny) to God? Jesus singled her out, not because of the size of her gift but of the size of her sacrifice. He commented: “This poor widow has put more in the offering than all the others.”

So, the issue is not size, but sacrifice. The smallest kindness. The smallest deed will not go unnoticed by God. A small work is a great work when the heart's motive is right in God's sight. It is not what a person does that determines the acceptability of his/her work in God's sight, rather, it is the motive, the why he/she does it.

You may be saying: “I am not really capable of doing anything significant.” But you are wrong. God created you to do a particular work that no one else can do. I think of the woman who took the “Teddy Bear Stance.” All teddy bears have one common characteristic – their arms are always open wide. Think of those around you who feel unloved, who never gets hugged. This woman shared the love of God with a loving, tender embrace.

Have you ever felt unnoticed when you try to reach out? Don't allow that to discourage you. Your unseen deed is not hidden from God's view. Jesus said: “In as much as you have done it (a kind act) to the least of those...you have done it unto Me.” (Matthew 25:40). What Am I Living For...If Not For Him (Jesus Christ)!!

Have a blessed week. See you in church on Sunday.

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