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Simply Do Your Best

by Rickie Jenkins

No one ever regrets striving to do their best! Legendary coach John Wooden defined success as doing your best. For all the championships he won as head basketball coach of UCLA, he never talked to his teams about winning. He always talked to them about doing their best. When we do our best, we can do better. Our best will not be perfect, but it will be our best. If it were perfect, would it be any different than our best?

We can do the best we can to be the best husband and father. Husbands and fathers wear many hats. They can be heavy at times but if we simply do the best we can in each role, maybe the weight will be lifted just a bit. We don't have to be perfect, just do our best.

The same is true of wives and mothers. Their roles are always many. There are so many little things asked of them. Big things too! To say there are a lot of balls in the air for them is an understatement. Sometimes they feel haggard and frazzled. They try to be perfect for their husband and children but all they need to do is their best. Their best will be more than good enough.

Consider, too often we get caught up in comparing ourselves with our perception of others. We see others as perfect and flawless, but we do not see behind the mask. We do not see behind the closed doors. No, we are not compared with others. We are simply

compared against ourselves. We will not be perfect, but we can do our best.

Spiritually, we measure ourselves against Jesus. He is the perfect and sinless One. Compared to Him, we are significantly lacking. But all that is asked of us spiritually is that we do our best. We do our best to love as He loves. We do our best to be righteous as He is righteous. We do our best to be pure as He is pure. As He is holy, so we strive our very best to be holy.

Our best will not earn us heaven. But our best will compel us to do all we can to please the Father always in all things.

For This Is the Will of God

George Slover

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:” (I Thessalonians 4:13)

The phrase “will of God” not only refers to God's commandments, but also that in which God delights. In verse one he says, “we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God.” He then proceeds to describe the kind of life in which pleases God.

Mankind was designed for holy

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Our fall meeting with Zeke Flores is scheduled for September 18-21

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

living. He is to exercise self-restraint, abstaining from fleshly passions. God has not called us for the purpose of unclean living, but purity! This is God's will! This is God's delight!

How grieved and disappointed he must be to look upon the conduct of humanity! From the beginning of time until now the general behavior of man is not a pretty picture. How disgusted he must be with those who flaunt their animal-like behavior. What an ugly portrait!

However, since the beginning of time there has always been a remnant of faithful ones striving to fulfill God's desires. Though they are not perfect, they are living holy lives that please God. They are a work of beauty in a world of ugliness.

It has been my fortune to have known a few of those individuals. The list includes teenage boys and girls who are keeping themselves from those defilements that are tempting their peers. It includes elderly men who come to the late stages of life full of joy, love, and hope instead of bitterness. And there are elderly women whose bright smile and innocence is a striking contrast to those who have lived the hard life of unrighteousness.

These shine as lights in a world of darkness! In these God must truly take pleasure!

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing treatments to strengthen his immune system.

Karen Hallmark has improved but continues to struggle and could use our prayers.

Dinah Williams is at home and continues to have mobility issues.

Don Simmons is home and still struggling with his breathing; he is on oxygen at all times. **Alene** is having hip issues.

John Miller (Dyanne Turner's brother) is under treatment for cancer.

Debbie McMurray is recovering from her radiation treatment.

Andrea Ayers is recovering from surgery on her jaw.

Randall Vanaman is recovering from surgery on his foot.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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