



Overcoming We Can Find Self Worth

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Some one once said that the only real disability in life is a bad attitude. Our attitude is the determining factor as to whether we will be successful in any endeavor. This holds true whether we are talking about life in general or talking about spiritual matters. Solomon said, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).

The Lord once asked, “Why stand ye here all the day idle?” (Matthew 20:6). We learn here and in many other passages that our Lord disapproves strongly of idleness. If there is one thing that our gentle, loving Savior dislikes, it is laziness, idleness and talent gone to waste. Sadly, some Christians are idle because they cannot imagine that God could have any use for them. They do not see any value in themselves, and they assume that they have nothing to offer the Lord. If we choose to maintain the pessimistic attitude that says “God can't use me,” we will find ourselves spiritually handicapped. We will be guilty of doing nothing and in grave danger of being the unprofitable servant Jesus spoke of in Matthew 25:30. The truth is the Lord sees value in each person He has created. He knows every hidden talent we possess, He knows exactly how much we can accomplish, and He will one day call us to account for how we have used

the skills and talents He has given us (Matthew 25:24-30).

Have you ever heard the saying “God don’t make any trash?” God created each one of us, and each of us can be a profitable servant to Him. We can find purpose and fulfillment in being active members of the body of Christ. In Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he says that the body is made up of many members (1 Corinthians 12: 12-25). Paul emphasizes that each member, whether it be the foot, the hand, the ear or the eye, is an important part of the body. Each member of the body of Christ is useful (Ephesians 4:11-16). In order for the body to function properly, every part must function; “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 2:16). You can be a “vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” if you will follow the wise man’s advice, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might” (2Timothy 2:21, Ecclesiastes 9: 10).

Each of us must start with an optimistic attitude, consider what we can do for the Lord and then begin doing it. Find your talents, put them to work for God and become the kind of servant who can expect to hear “well done...enter into my rest.” He will reward you accordingly, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and

labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister” (Hebrews 6:1). Speaking about Mary, Jesus said, “She hath done what she could”. This is all the Lord asks of us; just do what you can (Mark 14: 8).

There are many giants we must overcome in life, and these can become impossible if we maintain a pessimistic attitude. We can have a dreary attitude of pessimism that makes our lives miserable and leaves us unfit for the Master's use, or we can have a happy, bright outlook on life and say, “here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8). Either way, life is hard work, so be optimistic toward serving God and let Him show you your real value.