



WORTH
DOING BADLY

AGENDA

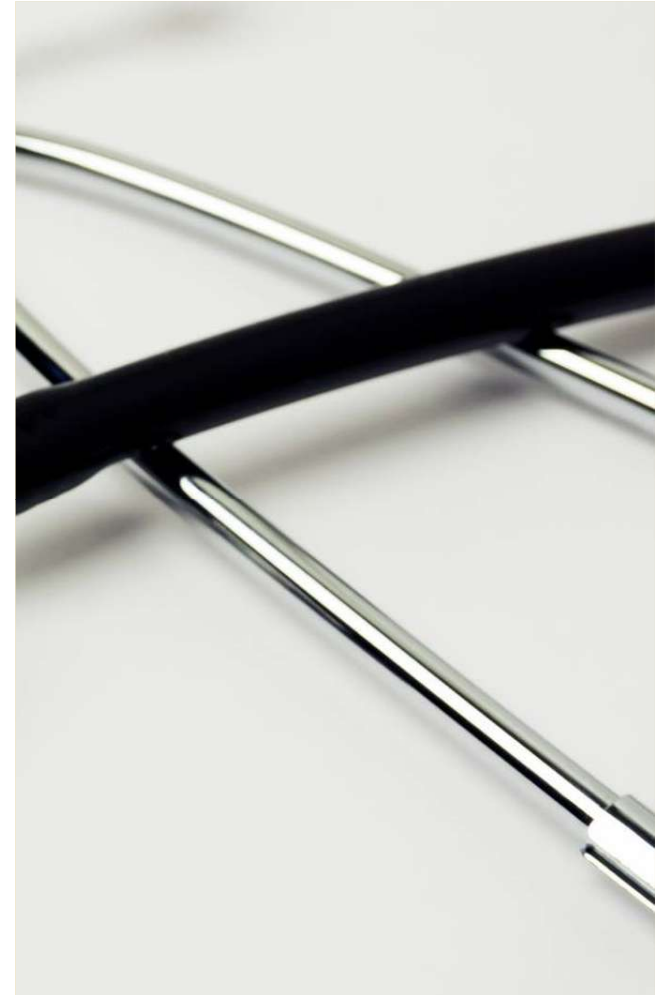
Measuring our Giftedness (Rom. 12)

“Anything Worth Doing...”

Avoidance is not Humility

Planned Failure

Lord is Looking for People Who...



REASONS OR EXCUSES

**Exodus 4:
10 – 13**

**Matthew
25: 24 - 26**

REASONS OR EXCUSES

(**Mt. 25:24 – 26**) “He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a **hard man**, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I **was afraid**, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.”



FINDING YOUR GIFTEDNESS

Romans 12:7 “If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach.

Rom 12:8 If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders, we should do our best. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully.” (CEV)

““ANYTHING WORTH DOING
IS WORTH DOING BADLY.”
(G. K. CHESTERTON)

- When a task deserves to be done at all, it deserves a less than perfect attempt while we are learning to do it better.
- Most things must be done relatively poorly **before** they can be done well.
- The shortest route to expertise is **through** the frustration and embarrassment of being a novice.



AVOIDANCE IS NOT TRUE HUMILITY

1. It takes **True Humility** to do a mediocre job at first while trying to improve our skills.
2. Truly, we are self – centered if we refuse to do anything except what we can look good doing.
1. “I don’t know enough.”
2. “Somebody else can do it better.”
3. “I’m too busy.”
4. It is truly sad when a person is so self-focused as to not have time or interest in encouraging the saved and reaching the lost.

ARE YOU A WORKER OR A SHIRKER?

- Planned Failures:
- I am too tired.
- I am too busy.
- I don't want to sing and pray and be busy every day in the kingdom of the Lord.



GET SOMEBODY ELSE

- *This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.*



WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT STEPPING UP?

BOO BIRDS

- **John 12:4** – “But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but *because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.* 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

HERE AM I. SEND ME!

ISA 6:7 "AND HE TOUCHED MY MOUTH AND SAID: "BEHOLD, THIS HAS TOUCHED YOUR LIPS; YOUR GUILT IS TAKEN AWAY, AND YOUR SIN ATONED FOR."

ISAIAH'S COMMISSION FROM THE LORD

ISA 6:8 AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."

■ He is Able:

- Eph 3:20 "Now to him **who is able** to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
- Eph 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

MAKE ME A SERVANT

01

Mark 10:43 “But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

02

Mar 10:44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

03

Mar 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**FALL
DOWN
SEVEN
TIMES**

**STAND
UP EIGHT**





CONCLUSION

The Lord is looking for people who will try.

In the Lord's service what counts most is not *ability*, but *availability*.

"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" (Luke 17:10 NIV)

Volunteer to Serve: Choose what is better. (Luke 10:42)
