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## That's More Than I Am Supposed to Do

by Harry E. Rice



Practically all progress in the world has been made by those who did more than their share, "more than they were supposed to do."

Our independence was won by George Washington and his men who "did more than they were supposed to do" as they suffered privation at Valley Forge while others were living in luxury not far away. Many a lad has been set up in business or given a college education by parents who "did more than they were supposed to do" while neighbor boys are left without a start in life by satisfied parents. Many a sick child has been brought back to health by a sacrificing mother who did more than her share.

The church of the Lord has been established in many places in America by sacrificing Christians who did far more than their share - they could have worshipped down the street - but they did more than they were supposed to do (according to the opinion of men) and established the Lord's church.

Most of the work around the church building is done by Christians who "do more than they are supposed to do" while many are perfectly willing that they should do it. (This reminds me of something I heard one time. A preacher was asked if there was anyone at the church where he preached that were willing to work. He said, "Everyone in this church is willing, five percent are willing to work, and the other 95 percent are willing to let them do it." - t.t.). If it were not for those who do more than they are supposed to do by giving themselves, this congregation wouldn't grow, but would stagnate and die.

After all, "doing more than we are supposed to do" as men judge is the very crux of Christianity. It means 'going more than half way,' 'turning the other cheek,' 'loving one's enemies,' 'praying for those who persecute us,' 'giving money to the needy,' 'working for the Lord while others are engaged in pleasure.' Yes, it means all this and more. But this will bring eternal life for the faithful, all of whom "did more than they were supposed to do."

## A Sack of Potatoes

A Bible class teacher once asked her students to bring a clear trash bag and a sack of potatoes next week. At that class, she had each student take out a potato and write down some of the following on each potato: 1) A past situation where they were wronged but that still upsets them. 2) A current situation where they have been wronged and are upset about it. 3) A person they may still be upset with or holding a grudge against.

Each student's bag was unique. Some of the bags were lighter or heavier than others. The teacher then instructed the students to carry this bag around with them everywhere for the next week. It was to be with them at all times and they could not sit it down.

After the week was up, the students brought their potatoes back to class. As you might imagine, the potatoes now looked ugly and beaten. The potatoes had deteriorated into a nasty sight from being dropped, hit, baked in the sun, and a variety of other damaging influences. Hauling around these nasty potatoes was a burden to each kid in the class. Then the teacher explained the point of this exercise.

When we refuse to forgive, it's a burden to carry that grudge around. We think about those situations. We think about those people. We let the burden grow and fester. The longer we carry it, the nastier it becomes. How silly it is to hold on to these grudges and to refrain from forgiving people when we could simply let go of these burdens.

Colossians 3:12-14 says, "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity."

God has forgiven us and we should forgive others as well (Matthew 6:14-15). Can you think of someone who needs your forgiveness? Is there a situation you're still holding on to? Why are we still holding on to these things? Let go of this burden.

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## What Is Wrong With Mixed Swimming?

I can't speak for the ladies, but I can speak for the men. There's not an ordinary man who can look at a woman clad in nothing but a bathing suit for any period of time without entertaining evil thoughts. 'But,' some will say, 'it does not bother me.' One who says that may be so young that his passions have not arisen, or he may be so old they have subsided, or he may be so ignorant he doesn't know what is going on, or he may not be normal, or he may be lying. He fits into one of these five categories, or he may be a spiritual giant; but spiritual giants don't spend time at mixed swimming parties.

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## Understanding Inferences

Have you ever wondered how the early Christians knew when to gather together when the Bible didn't state where and where on Sunday? Was it just a coincidence that all the brethren showed up at the same place and at the same time (Acts 20:7)? It is reasonable to conclude that the church decided this ahead of time.

Knowing there had to a decision that needed to be made, did they do this with Biblical authority? The skeptic will jump in and say no because there isn't a book, chapter and verse to tells them when and where. That is not true. The passage is found in I Corinthians 11:17-29. This is where Paul pointed out that brethren were to gather to take the Lord's Supper. You cannot fulfill that command without understanding necessary inferences. No one can function in this world without doing such.

For example, a mother tells her child to clean their room today. Is that enough information for the child to get the job done? Absolutely. They will use their legs to walk into their room. They will use their eyes to look around. They will use their hands to pick up things and put them where they belong. They will schedule time that day to get it done. Now, if the child doesn't do the job because their mom didn't provide all those inferences, will the mom accept that? Not a chance.

The question is, does the principle of inference, open the flood gate so people can infer anything they want? No. There are boundaries. Going back to the mother and child example. If the child gets their baby brother to clean the room, they violated the command – "you clean your room." If the child opts to clean it another day, they violate the command. If the child opts to clean their parent's room, they violate the command.

Abiding in the teaching of Christ (II Jn. 9), consists of doing what we are told by thinking about the inferences that are connects with what we are told.

~ Chuck Bartlett

PRAYER LIST



**Lynsey Robertson**, daughter of *Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield* has been diagnosed with the Coronavirus.

**Sue Marques**, fell this past week and received a broken rib and injured her wrist. She is also not able to get around much due to problems with her knees. She and *Bobby* need prayers.

**Joe Reed** is having problems with his hip and knees.

**Nancy Petrowski** is having kidney tests.

**Billie Joe Garner** is suffering with another UTI. He has also been placed on Hospice.

**J.L. Eaton** continues to have back and hip problems.

**Kathy Clayton** has more tests this week.

**Richard Adams** is scheduled to have knee surgery Friday, July 24th, to remove a knot on his left knee.

**Dixie White**, having heart tests.

**Linda Ashmore** received a good report from her stress test.

**Sympathy:** We express our sympathy to *Dane Coggin* and family in the passing of his father **Jimmy Coggin** July 15th. Funeral services were held in Tupelo, Friday, July 17th.

Expectant Mothers:

**Kelsey Petrowski**: boy, Aug.

**Erica Crotts**: boy, Oct.



Continue to Remember:

Kathy Clayton, Shane Crotts, Arelus Dye, Mable Erwin, Prebble Foster, Don Golden, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmett, Bill & Grace Lyon, Ronnie Miller, Jerry Robbins, Levi Smith, Josie Tidwell, Charles Ulmer, Angela Victory, Donnie Wilson

Shut-Ins:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Price Senter, J.D. Stroud

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Andy Dye, Luke Goff, Chase Seals



I've Learned...

Today is a good day for a good day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- July 22.....Hunter Jennings
- July 22..... Matt Jennings
- July 26.....Wyatt Boyd
- July 27..... Dixie White

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 25.....Bobby & Sue Marques
- July 27..... Austin & Kelsey Petrowski



THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank everyone for the calls, texts, and prayers that were offered in the passing of Dane's dad. We appreciate you all so much and consider ourselves blessed to have such a wonderful church family. The Dane Coggin Family

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower for *Kelsey Petrowski* Saturday, July 25th, from 1:30-3:00 at the fellowship building. This will be a come and go event. You are asked to please wear a mask. *Austin* and *Kelsey* are expecting their first child (boy) in August. Help us welcome baby Jack!



EVENTS

- Deacon's meeting Sunday July 26th, at 9:30am.
- Worship at 10:30am in person as well as livestream.
- Wed. Bible Study at 6:30pm livestream



*Always be kind.*

*If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.*

*If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them.*

*If someone has been knocked down, lift them up.*

*Always remind people of their worth. Be who you needed when you were going through hard times.*

*Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone.*



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30  
 Morning Worship.....10:30  
 Evening Worship.....6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

## MINISTER

Shaler Grigsby....Youth/ Assoc.  
 .....256-263-9137  
 Office ..... 534-4649

## ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762  
 Tim Dye.....316-2527  
 Richard Jennings .....316-1305  
 Troy Robertson .....316-3163  
 Phil Young.....316-2059

## DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420  
 Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195  
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260  
 Mark Jennings...731-609-3309  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255

## TO SERVE

Communion.....Olen Clark  
 Scripture.....Dean Dillard  
 A.M. Prayer.....Dillon Clayton  
 Closing.....Kurt Clayton  
 P.M. Prayer.....  
 Closing.....  
 Wed.....  
 Lock.....Kurt Clayton  
 Usher .....Kurt Clayton  
 Security .....Jason Jennings

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....  
 Sunday A.M.....83  
 Sunday P.M.....  
 Wednesday.....  
 Contribution.....  
 Budget.....\$4,095.92

## PANTRY ITEMS



Beef Stew

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## Frog Legs Anyone?

Have you heard the story of the farmer who asked the owner of the restaurant if he could use a million frog legs? "I have a pond just full of them," said the farmer. "Their continual croaking, day and night, has nearly driven me crazy." So, the restaurant owner and the farmer made an agreement for several hundred frogs, and the farmer went back home to gather up his frogs.

About a week later, the farmer came back with two scrawny frogs and an embarrassed look on his face. "I guess I was wrong," he stammered. "There were just two frogs in that pond, but they sure were making a lot of noise."



Does that not sound familiar? Have you ever heard of this happening in the local church? The next time you hear a lot of noise concerning how bad things are at your local congregation, just remember that it may be nothing more than a couple of people who have little to do but complain.

~ Author Unknown ~