

Think Little

- If you are a member of Lord's body, you CAN go to heaven...but it's no guarantee
 - a. Some are inactive in Lord's service
 - b. Some 'cannot' do 'big things' for God, and think it's useless to do little things
 - c. Mt.25¹⁴ kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them...
 - d. Pr.30²⁴ There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise. Ants, conies, locusts, spiders...

I. “Little Things” That Condemned

- Gn.3, Eve, Adam
 - What harm in one bite? ...one fruit?
- Lv.10, strange fire – fiery judgment (2)
 - All this over a ‘little’ thing – ‘kind’ of fire?
 - Why recorded? To influence us – Ro.15:4
 - Little things mean a lot

- Gn.3, Eve, Adam
- Lv.10, strange fire
- Nu.15, pick up sticks on sabbath
 - New commandment. He forgot?
 - Unable to gather the day before?
 - Gathered only a few? ...only one time.
 - Good motives?
[Lost his life]

- No small sins
- Our society: white lies, little drink... each has faults
- I'm only human

- 2 Sm.6:1-7, ark of God
 - Best of intentions
 - Not trying to destroy ark
 - Reflex effort to save it?
 - Contrast excuse: “just be sincere and you’ll make it”??
- Ac.5, charity
 - Gave to needy
 - Kept back small part
 - Left wrong impression
 - Swift deaths

I. "Little Things" That Condemned

II. "Little Things" That Commended

- Mt.10, cup of cold water
 - One of these...
 - Little one...
 - Only... [nothing more]
 - Cup of cold [water]

- Mt.10, cup of cold water
- Mt.25, hospitality
 - Gave food
 - Gave drink
 - Took me in
 - Clothed me
 - Visited me
 - Came to me...
 - “When?”
 - One...least...Me
 - Lk.16:10

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- Mt.25, hospitality (Lk.16:10)
- Mk.12, contribution
 - Mites, two copper coins = penny (quadrans: 1/64 of a denarius)
 - Probably did not give as much as Ananias and Sapphira
 - Gave what she could: no deception / excuse
 - Was commended above those who gave more

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- Mk.12, contribution
- Mk.14, alabaster box of ointment
 - Not martyrdom (Rv.2:13)

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 - Ten lepers; one is thankful

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- Jn.1, sharing good news (Andrew)
 - One small deed...one convert among thousands
 - Peter – an apostle

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II. "Little Things" That Commended

**III. "Little Things" Deserve
Our Attention**

1. Husband-wife relationship

- Unhappiness / divorce comes from little 'home-breakers'
- Classifieds say it all
- Unstated: resentment...deception...hostility (in place of communication) build walls...
 - Prov.15:15-18
 - Lk.6:31-38
 - 1 Co.13:4-7

2. Parent-child relationship

– Congregation – responsibility

- Ep.6:1-3, teach children to obey
- Ep.6:4a, set right example
- Ep.6:4b, teach, teach, teach...
- Ep.6:4c, discipline

3. Church relationships

- Troubles arise over ‘little’ things
 - Gn.37
 - 2 Co.12:15
- Jesus – only Perfect One, yet most hated
- “Little things” can make church successful
 - Love one another. 2 Chr.35:25
 - Each carries his part of the load. Jer.38

“I asked why doesn’t somebody do something?” . . .

3. Church relationships

- Knowing and obeying truth.
 - Why let little things stop us?
 - “Overlooked”
 - “Mistreated”
 - “Ignorance”
 - 2 Pt.2:20-22

“For want of a nail, the horseshoe was lost
for want of a horseshoe, the horse was lost
for want of a horse, the rider was lost
for want of a rider, the message was lost
for want of a message, the battle was lost”

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