

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

Int.

1. Aim: To show that we must do our best for God with everything God has given us !
2. Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."
 - a. **Do - the Greek meaning**
 - (1) To make or do
 - (2) Execute, exercise, fulfil,
 - (3) To "practise", i.e. perform repeatedly or habitually
 - (4) To execute, accomplish,
 - b. **Do - English meaning** = Accomplish, Achieve, complete, discharge
3. Many verses tell us that we are to do something in regard to the Bible !
 - a. Jas. 1:22 NKJV "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Doers = a performer
 - b. Matt. 7:21 NKJV "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."
 - c. Lk. 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"
4. Do is a verb - that means there is to be some action - work
5. God will hold us responsible for what we CAN DO.... not what we cannot do.
 - a. If we do our part as a Christian we will be happy
 - b. Jn. 13:17 NKJV "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."
6. All people can be classified in one of 4 classes by what they do with what God has given

Discussion**I. THOSE WHO DO LITTLE WITH MUCH**A. Rich man in **Luke 12:13-21**

1. He made his money honestly
2. God blessed him with abundance
3. But he was selfish
 - a. Used "I" 6 times
 - b. Never mentions anyone else
4. He felt that his abundance in much of this world's goods guaranteed him a long and happy life
 - a. Pro. 1:32 ASV "For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.."
 - b. Pro. 27:1 NKJV "Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.."
5. He did little for God in return for the much [abundance] God had given him.

B. Rich man in **Luke 16:19-31**

1. He was extremely wealthy
 - a. Lived a life of luxury
 - b. Sumptuously = splendidly or magnificently
 - c. God had given an abundance to him
2. But he would not be generous with it - all Lazarus wanted was the crumbs from his table - Yet the rich man would not give him anything.
3. The rich man did little for anyone with the much God had given him.

C. Rich Man in **Luke 18:18-30**

1. He had done nothing bad - but he had done nothing good.
2. He felt he could do one little act and he would get to go to heaven.
3. When he was told to sell all his goods and give them away he changed his mind
4. He loved his wealth more than God
5. It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven
6. Lk. 18:25 "For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."
7. Matt. 19:24 "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."
8. Matt. 23:24 "[Ye] blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."
9. He did little with MUCH - Works, Money

D. Application

1. Many of us have received an abundance - but in return
2. We have not given much but only a little

II. THOSE WHO DO MUCH WITH MUCH

A. Job

1. God gave him much - **Job 1:3**
 - a. Livestock - 11,000 head - Land
 - b. Great household
 - c. Greatest of all the men of the East

2. He gave much to God - Job. 1:1 NKJV "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil."
3. He gave much to man - legend that Job had a door on all 4 sides of his house that were open to the poor to come and get food
4. He was a righteous man for he did much with much !

B. Abraham

1. God gave him much
 - a. Gen. 13:2 "And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold."
 - b. God gave him the land
2. Abraham gave much to God
 - a. He obeyed all his commands - Gen.18:19 and 22:12
 - b. Heb. 11:17-19
3. Abraham did MUCH with MUCH !

C. Paul

1. God gave him much
 - a. Called him to be an apostle - He had a good education
 - b. Gave him an opportunity to preach
2. Paul gave much to God
 - a. Took 3 missionary journeys
 - b. Converted hundreds of people - Started many churches
 - c. Wrote letters - Endured hardship - Fought a good fight - II Tim. 4:7
3. Paul did MUCH with MUCH !

D. Lesson for us !

1. When God gives much to us we must willingly and lovingly give much to him.
2. Lk. 12:48 NKJV "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

III. THOSE WHO DO LITTLE WITH LITTLEA. One talent man - **Matt. 25:14-30**

1. In comparison to others he had little
2. He was afraid he could not do as much as they could do, so he decided to do nothing
3. He felt like he would be expected to do as much as those who had more than he did.
4. He did not embezzle the money, waste it or loose.

B. He just didn't do anything

1. He did little with little.
2. Jas. 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

C. He was condemned because he did little with Little

IV. DO MUCH WITH LITTLE

A. Shamgar

1. He had little - Judges 3:31 "And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered I srael."
 - a. Ox goad
 - b. Very small - something used in plowing the fields in those days
2. Yet he did much
 - a. He slew 600 Philistines
 - b. Delivered I srael

B. Gideon and his army - Judges 6 and 7

1. He had little
 - a. Started out with 32,000
 - b. Ended up with 300 men
2. Yet he did much
 - a. They overran the Midianites
 - b. They chased them out of town
3. Gideon and his army did much with little

C. David - 1 Sam. 17

1. Had little
 - a. He went out to fight the giant - Philistines
 - b. All he had was his sling and 5 stones

2. Yet he did much
 - a. He dropped the giant - Goliath
 - b. Then killed him
3. He did much with little

D. Poor widow

1. She did not have very much
 - a. Mark 12:41-44
 - b. She only gave 2 mites =
2. Yet she did much
 - a. She gave more than all the others
 - b. She gave all she had
3. She did much with little

E. Job

1. Later in his life he had little
 - a. All his goods were destroyed and his 10 children killed
 - b. He had boils over his entire body
 - c. His wife wanted him to curse God and die
2. Yet he did much for God
 - a. Job. 1:22 NKJV "In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong."
 - b. He remained faithful
3. He did much with little

Conclusion

1. What are you doing with what God has given you?
 2. In which group do you place yourself? Where does God put you ?
 - a. Little with much
 - b. Much with much
 - c. Little with little
 - d. Much with Little
 3. A work for every member and every member working.
 4. If you have been doing little then you can change
 - a. You cannot go back and undo the past
 - b. But you can do better in the future. You can do much with whatever God has given you
 5. Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."
 - a. Do - Action = obedience - HBRCB - or be restored to your first love
 - b. Right to tree of life = heaven
 6. What are you going to do?
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