

02/21/21 Message

Part of Win the Day

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Message: Be Faithful with the Small Things

Series: Win the Day

Recap: We're in the 4th message in our ***Win the Day*** series, based around the namesake book from Mark Batterson. We live in a negative culture and we need a win! We need something to celebrate; we need a victory! It starts when we win the day, one day at a time. Using Biblical principles for changing sides (moving from the losing side to the winning side), together we will learn to stress less and accomplish more in 2021.

Introduction

- How you do ANYTHING is how you'll do EVERYTHING

*Little lies become big lies. Borrowing becomes stealing.
Lusting becomes cheating. An action becomes an
addiction. How you do anything is how you'll do
everything.*

—Pastor Chad

Paul's Letter to Colossae

Colossians 3:18-25 (NLT)

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

20 Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord.

23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

25 But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.

Even though it seems Paul is talking about healthy relationships (and the secret of them), I challenge you to look deeper, at the whole of Scripture, and pull a daily application out of every verse you read. Sure, we have multiple applications for this passage, but let's look at this passage in relation to winning the day and being faithful with the small things.

How to be faithful with the small things:

SUBMISSION (v18)

o Become less, so others can become more

LOVE (v19)

o Boundless compassion and infinite empathy for everyone (even strangers)

OBEY (v20)

o Do it because you want to please others, you want to please God

Don't AGGRAVATE (v21)

o Stop provoking, stop shutting others down, encourage them

Be WILLING (v.23)

o Whatever you do, do it for God (not people), make yourself available

What are the Big Things

The BIG THINGS are things that you do, and if you don't, you won't grow in your faith, you won't grow in your spirit, you won't grow in your relationship with God. Things like putting Him first before everything else in your life; attending worship regularly; giving generously (time, talents, tithes); serving in church; praying and reading the Bible; big ticket items!

The small things (according to Paul and this passage):

- What you do when no one is WATCHING (v22)
- What you do when you don't care who gets CREDIT (v23)

It's the small things that add up to big things!

Winning the day is accomplished by being faithful in the smaller things at first, meeting the needs of today instead of sitting around waiting on for the needs of tomorrow. We tend to wait to give financially when we have more money, or wait to serve when we have more time, yet we neglect to realize the needs that can be met with what we do have. Being faithful to present needs, open the door to bigger and better things down the road, when we will be given the chance to be faithful in much bigger things. But it all starts with the small sacrifices, the small dedication, and the small responsibilities. It's doing the best you can with what you have, where you are.

—Mark Batterson

Every single day of your life has purpose. There is not a single day that goes by that you cannot make a difference in one way or another. God has given you life... put you on this earth... at this time... for a reason. Live like it!

—Pastor Chad

Pour yourself out for the smallest of responsibilities, with heart, with determination, with dedication - do it with all your heart - day after day, week after week, month after month. That is the way to become who you should be... who God has called you to be.

—Mark Batterson

Be faithful with the small things! Change your life, one day at a time - win the day!