

July 2nd – Finding a Faithful Man

“Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man?”
(Prov. 20:6)

Did you ever hear of the man who was proud of his humility? Even when we try to be humble, sometimes we just can't help but toot our own horn. Some people just come right out and tell you how great they think they are – how much money they make, how many miles they can run, etc. Most of us know that it's improper to brag too much, so we find ways to veil our self-praise. For instance, we're guilty of telling stories that are supposed to be about something else but end up focusing on us.

Though “most men will proclaim each his own goodness,” it's hard to find someone whose walk is as good as their talk. We should all take this as a personal challenge. Rather than talking about how good we are, we should demonstrate our goodness to others through the way we live our lives. Where do we begin? We need to start with the first and greatest command – love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Our lives should be an offering of love to God.

Loving God means that we will also dedicate ourselves to the second greatest command – love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31). Loving others means that you won't serve others to be recognized. Instead, you'll selflessly give of yourself because you're living for Jesus, and thus you won't need any recognition. This world is filled with people who need to be recognized. In a world of vanity and pride, commit yourself to being that rare faithful man that Solomon wrote about 3,000 years ago.