

Worth Doing Poorly?

- By Rubel Shelly



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Anything worth doing, is worth doing poorly! Many of us miss some of life's best things while saying, "I don't know how to do that. If I were to try, I'd only make a fool of myself."

A fellow I know well tried to water ski — once. He tried to get up on the skis three or four times that day. Every time he tried, he wound up tumbling into the water. The three guys on the lake with him all coached. They also laughed at his frustration. "One last time!" he yelled. Then, when he was yanked into the lake again, he swam over to the boat. He was edgy for the remainder of the day. And he has never tried to water ski again in the 40 or more years since.

Perfectionists settle for nothing short of a first-rate performance from themselves. When they come across something that has to be learned through trial and error, they become intolerant of their limitations. They pile up points in the things they can do with ease and skill, while ignoring — and maybe even putting down — the things they do poorly.

People with this bent of personality can get depressed, for nobody is capable of premier performance in everything. They get so tense they sometimes botch even the things they are good at doing. They can't relax. They remove risks from life by narrowing their interests. They get in safe, comfortable, and boring ruts.

It's liberating for some people to find out they can make mistakes and still survive! If your new dress flops, the world won't end. If you make a mistake at work, you won't die. If you can't master calculus or statistics, you can still be a good person. If someone hears you sing off-key, you won't become an outcast.

Thank God for mistakes. They let you learn. They mean you are still pushing

out your horizons. They give you a chance to grow. They let the rest of us know you are still one of us.

If you were perfect, your life would be terribly dull. Nothing to learn. No more challenges. No relationships with peers. The rest of us would probably be too intimidated to talk to you, play tennis with you, or work alongside you. And you certainly wouldn't need for anyone of our inferior status to care about you.

So don't be paralyzed by your fears. Whatever it is that you want to do and do well likely will be learned through a process that involves some miscues and false starts. But, if it's worth doing at all, it's worth doing poorly at first.

Give it a shot. Take piano lessons. Write a short story. Learn to use a computer. Paint your bedroom. Water ski. Care about someone.

At the cross, God showed us how creative he can be with what looked to all the world to be failure. Why not give him a chance with you?

Where are the wise? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength (1 Corinthians 1:20-25 TNIV).

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Worship Is Obedience



PSALM: 138:2. (I BOW BEFORE YOUR HOLY TEMPLE AS I WORSHIP. I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOUR NAME FOR YOUR UNFAILING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, BECAUSE YOUR PROMISES ARE BACKED BY ALL THE HONOR OF YOUR NAME).

One of the Best ways to worship god is by obeying him. There isn't time to place fixed where God will tell us to. God of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers. Hence Holy Spirit will call us any time to sing a worship song unto the lord. By doing so we shall welcome God's presence in our midst to inhabit the praises.

Furthermore indulging into his presence by worshipping in spirit and truth the Holy Spirit will search the heart of god and open our eyes and ears to see and hear what god has for us to pray for. The Holy Spirit will give some of God's people the Vision for the church, Nation etc. Some times god will enable us to pray for our brothers, sisters who are very much in need for something and earnestly seeking God's guidance and answer.

God is calling for the people who will worship him in spirit and in truth by placing god above all Circumstances. Which is beyond what we can see or think? Such praise is what God is expecting from each one of us. - By **Lawrence Bottney**

The Army of the Lord

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



Birthday This Week

Jai Prakash - June 13

Angel Varghese - June 14



Wedding Anniversary

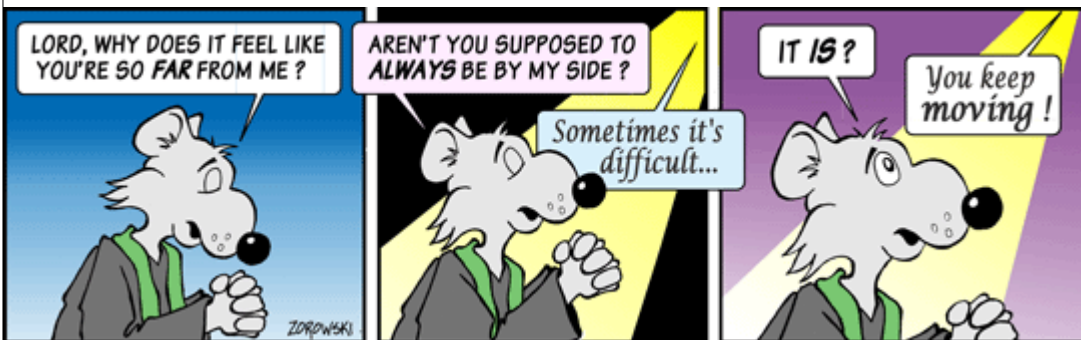
Gary & Kathy - June 18

Next Friday - 19th June

10 AM - Fahaheel Service

4 PM - Kannada Service

6 PM - English (Hall of Hope)



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