

The Day Of Small Things

Scripture Reading **Zechariah 4:6-10**

The Rebuilding Of The Temple

- Zerubbabel led the first wave back to Jerusalem.
- Worship started immediately. **Ezra 3:3-4**
- Then the work started on the foundation of the temple. **Ezra 3:9-11**
- But it wasn't what it used to be. **Ezra 3:12-13**
- Resistance came, discouragement followed and the work stopped. **Ezra 4:1-5;17-23**

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- Haggai came 14 years later to stir the people up. **Haggai 2:1-9**
- Work resumed but the people quickly became discouraged again.
- Zechariah also prophesied during this time frame. **Zechariah 4:6-10**
- So little done, so much yet to accomplish yet God promised **"his hands will finish it"** (verse 8) and God then asked, **"For who has despised the day of small things?"**

Big Things – Small Steps

- The temptation to ignore the small details, steps & actions.
 - It's how the church began – **Matthew 13:31-33**
- God chooses to work through things and people the world overlooks and disdains. **1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Hebrews 11:32-40; Acts 4:13; 17:6; Isaiah 37:31-32**

How Can We Ensure We Don't Despise The Day Of Small Things?

Don't Despise The Small Things of Prayer

- It can accomplish much.
- **James 5:16**, **"... effective prayers ... accomplish much"**.
- **Luke 11:5-13**, **"... he will ... give him as much as he needs"** (cf. I John 5:14)

Don't Despise The Small Acts Of Service

- Every part is needed, every act of service critical.
- Ephesians 4:11-12,16**, "... for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ".
- 1 Corinthians 12:22-23**, "... on these we bestow more abundant honor ..."
- Acts of service anyone can do – **Matthew 10:40-42; John 13:5-15**
- That matter to others and ourselves, **Matthew 25:31-46**

Don't Despise The Small Things Like Reading God's Word

- It is the power of God to us. **Romans 1:16**
- It is to be a daily part of our life. **Psalms 1:2-3**
- It is to be hungered for daily. **1 Peter 2:1-2**
- It is to be paid attention to. **1 Timothy 4:13**
- It may not seem like a big thing but we need to read and meditate every day. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

Don't Despise The Small Things Of Daily Sacrifice & Denial

- The importance of one denial. **Luke 9:23-24; Titus 2:12**
- The importance of one sacrifice. **Romans 12:1-2**
- One act of putting sin to death. **Colossians 3:5-8; Ephesians 4:17ff**
- One right thought exercised and one wicked thought restrained. **Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 1:13; 2 Corinthians 10:5**

Don't Despise The Small Things Of Fulfilling Our Roles Within The Family

- The importance of fulfilling our responsibility everyday as husbands, wives, and children. **Ephesians 6:1ff.**

Don't Despise The Small Things Of Making The Most Of Our Time & Blessings

- To talk to others about the hope within us. **1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:2; John 4**
- To take a step forward in our spiritual growth. **2 Peter 1:5-7**
- To do some "good" in this world. **Ephesians 5:15-17**
- Value each day. **Psalms 90:12**
- To be thankful for everything. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Don't Despise The Small Things Of Our Opportunities To Make Things Right With God

- Today is the day ... **Hebrews 4:6-7**
- To complete your faith and act upon what God has told you to do. **James 2:22**
- To confess your faith in Jesus Christ as the Son Of God. **Acts 8:37**
- To repent of your sins. **Acts 2:38**
- To be baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. **Acts 2:38**