

TUESDAY NIGHT INVITATION

-small objects with BIG lessons-

“Slivers. Tootaches. Ingrown toenails. Small discomforts can radically impact our lives. Jesus didn’t talk about such things, even though he probably struggled with them (especially the slivers in his father’s carpentry shop). But the Bible does illustrate how little things pack a wallop.

For example, Jesus said that just a tiny amount of faith (the size of a mustard seed) can move mountains (Matt. 17:20). He took a little boy’s lunch of five small barley loaves and two fish and multiplied it supernaturally to feed a crowd of thousands (John 6:41). Jesus warned about getting all excited about the speck of sawdust in another’s eye without the effort to remove the plank in your own (Matt. 7:3). He got angry at the Pharisees for their selective obedience and accused them of straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel (Matt. 23:24).

But Jesus also said that God the Father is aware of the tiniest of things. He sees sparrows when they fall (Matt. 10:29), and he knows the number of hairs on a person’s head (Matt. 10:30). When Jesus saw the widow drop two small coins in the temple treasury, he said such sacrificial giving was far more generous than that of most (Luke 21:2-3). Even the apostle Paul saw big lessons in little things. He made the observation that sin was just like yeast, in that it expands exponentially (I Cor. 5:6)”

---Taken from the book titled A Biblical Miscellany by T.J. McTavish

While most of these small objects with BIG lessons are positive in nature, tonight we want to ask what small sin is keeping you from being everything that the Lord wants you to be?

Paul said that the Lord’s church can be hindered by someone living in sin. Those who live in sin and continue to go undisciplined are like yeast. They will cause the purity of the church and its overall reputation to be negatively affected both before our community and before the Lord Himself.

On an individual level, Christians will stand before God and give an answer for what they have done, either good or bad. Make sure that the small things that you do are for the cause of Christ and not against it.

If you are not a follower of Christ we want to help you to become a disciple by baptizing you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt 28:18-20). This will bring you into a likeness of the death of Christ where your sins will be washed away and you will be raised to walk in the newness of life (Rom. 6:1-8).

If you need to repent as an erring Christian, do so and we will pray for you and rejoice in your decision to turn away from what is sinful (I John 1:9).

