

"Do What You Can"

Text: Mark 14:1-9

Introduction:

- -We can learn a valuable lesson from the woman in our passage. **-Verse 8**, Jesus tells us - "**She hath done what she could**" -Notice what it doesn't say about this woman.
- -Doesn't say she did something supernatural.
- -She didn't speak in tongues.
- -She didn't heal the sick.
- -She didn't raise the dead.
- -She didn't do anything above what she was capable of doing.
- -She basically "did what she could" - Amen!!!
- -And our Lord commended her for it,
- -Jesus says in **verse 6**, "**she hath wrought a good work on me.**"
- -The way you can tell you are doing right by the Lord is when the so-called spiritual Christians criticize you.
- -In the same account in **Matthew 26**, notice what the disciples opinion was of what she had done, - **read vs. 8-9.**
- -But nevertheless our Lord commended her for what you had done, and made sure that it was written down in His Word so that others might learn from her.
- -We need to learn a lesson from this woman,
- -You see the problem with most Christians is they don't even do what they could, never mind doing anything above and beyond the call of duty.
- -All our Lord asks of us is to do what we can.

- -But we must be honest with ourselves about what we can do for the Lord.
- -Most of the time, we will convince ourselves that we can't when we can. -
Amen!!!
- -If every Christian did what he could, then we would have a revival. - Amen.
- -God knows what our individual responsibilities are family, job, school, etc.
- -But all he is asking from each of us is to do what we can.
- -This morning we want to look at some areas, "If every Christian did what he could", what the results would be.

I. IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DID WHAT HE COULD IN REGARDS TO MISSIONS

GIVING.

RESULTS:

- -More souls saved
- -World probably would have been evangelized by now.
- -But because Christians are not doing what they could.
- -Missionaries are having to come off the field and raise more support.
- -Missionaries have to spend 3-5 years on deputation trying to raise money.
- -Wearing themselves and their families out.
- -Causing them to get discourage and quit,
- -All because Christians are not doing what they could when it comes to missions giving.
- -Christians spend God's money on more foolishness.

- -The Lord is going to have a lot to say to some Christians when they hit the judgment seat of Christ.
- -You don't need a subscription to Sports Illustrated.
- -You shouldn't be looking at the swim suit issue.
- -Christians spend more money on pet food they do missions.
- -Christian you should not be smoking.
- -Quit your smoking, give the money to missions.
- -Not only will souls be saved but you will save your physical body also.
- -Christian you don't need cable TV.
- -Take the \$30 or more a month and give to missions.
- -I can could go on and on on this.
- -But you get the idea.
- -Are you doing what you can in regards to missions.
- -Be honest now.

II. **IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DID WHAT HE COULD IN REGARDS TO PRAYER.**

-RESULTS:

- -More Souls Saved.
- -The reasons your family may not be getting saved is because you spend more time watching the TV, listening to the radio, or reading the newspaper.
- -Then you do on your knees praying for their soul to be saved.

- -If you did all you could in regards to prayer then maybe your pastor would be encouraged more instead of being discouraged.
- -You should be praying for your pastor.
- -That's doing what you could.
- -If you did what you could in regards to prayer, then maybe you would see the power of God in your life.
- -The Bible tells us about a man called Elijah.
- -The Bible describes him in the Book of James as "a man subject to like passions as we are"
- -In other words, he was a human being like you and I subject to all the physical pains and sufferings.
- -But he did what he could in regards to prayer because he was able to called down fire from heaven.
- -His prayers controlled the weather.
- -His prayer stopped it from raining for 3 1/2 years.
- -His prayers brought rain.
- -If you did what you could in regards to prayer, then maybe you would see your church grow.
- -We need to stop throwing a pity party about why aren't there more people in the church and start doing what you could.

III. IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DID WHAT HE COULD IN REGARDS TO CHURCH ATTENDANCE

- -We have three services a week.
- -Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, Sunday Morning, and Sunday Night.
- -Most Christians complain that is too much church.
- -**Turn to Hebrews 10:25.**
- -Notice that the Bible tells us we are to assemble together, "so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
- -The day approaching is the Lord's return.
- -The reason that the Lord wants us to be in church more and more and more as His coming gets closer is because He knew that the world would get more wicked at the time of His coming.
- -We need to be in church at a minimum of three times a week to get the filth of the world out of us.
- -Being in church when the doors are open is doing what you could.
- -**RESULT** - If every Christian did what he could in regards to church attendance then we wouldn't have so many carnal Christians floating around causing divisions and splits in the church.
- -You see that you need to be in church to get the stinken world knocked out you.
- -You leave this church and you go out into the sights and sounds of the world.
- -These sights and sounds have a tendency to hypnotize a person.
- -When you come to church you get a does of reality because you are hearing the truth.
- -The world will tell you that you are okay.

- -The truth, the Word of God will tell you that there is nothing good about your flesh.
- -That your flesh stinks.
- -That why it smells when it decays.
- -Are you doing all that you could when it comes to church attendance?
- -If you are not then don't expect God to do what he could for you!

IV. IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DID WHAT HE COULD IN REGARD TO SUPPORTING HIS PASTOR

-RESULT:

- -Probably fewer would quit.
- -It doesn't take much,
- -Giving him respect like the Bible says - I Tim. 5:17.
- -Letting him rule over you like the Bible says - He. 13:17
- -Remember him - He. 13:7
- -Remember him financially through your giving - 1 Cor. 9:14
- -Remember him spiritually in prayer
- -Remember him with little acts of kindness.
- -One the sweetest sounds to a pastor is, "Pastor is there anything you need help with?" (temporal jobs are as important as spiritual ones)
- -Kind word now and then
- -Don't be so quick to criticize.
- -He is giving all the time, what about you?

- -Isn't it about time you gave a little back?
- -Are you doing what you could in regards to support your pastor?

V. IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DID WHAT HE COULD IN REGARD TO HIS SIN.

- -**See II Chronicles 7:14**
- -"**If**" = condition
- -"**my people**" = God's people - "which are called by my name"
- -Some things we need to do.
- -"**shall humble themselves**"
- -"**pray**"
- -"**seek my face**", seek God's face, instead of the world's
- -"**turn**" (repent), "**from their wicked ways**" (sin)

-Results:

- -"**then will I hear from heaven**" - sin keeps God from hearing us.
- -"**will forgive their sin**"
- -"**will heal their land**" - revival,
- -Christians are quick to blame the Government, the unsaved, the devil for their problems.
- -Instead we need to blame ourselves
- -The reason no revival, the reason world is so wicked is because Christians have lost their savor.
- -The Christian is suppose to be the salt of earth.

- -Salt prevents decay.
- -Reason no revival because Christians are not doing what they could in regards to sin,
- -Christian are you doing what you could in regards to sin in your life?
- -We don't have time for the last two:
- -1) Are you doing what you could in regards to reading & studying your Bible?
- -2) Are you doing what you could in regards to soul winning?

Conclusion:

- -My dear friend are you doing what you could in regards to:
- -1) mission giving
- -2) prayer
- -3) church attendance
- -4) supporting your pastor
- -5) your sin
- -6) reading & studying your Bible
- -7) soul winning
- -It is my prayer that when each one of us stands before the Lord, that he will say as he did about the woman in Mark 14,
- -"**she hath wrought a good work on me**"
- -"**she hath done what she could**"
- -I pray if you are not then you will "**Do what you can**"