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UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Luke 17:10

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Grateful hearts cannot help but how would you feel if you consistently met all your targets at work, yet in your year-end review your supervisor described you as an average employee? Would you consider that unfair? Would you be upset with your supervisor? If you would be offended, Jesus has a shocking revelation for you. He told His disciples that after they had done all that they were commanded, they were to consider themselves no

more than unprofitable servants! Doing everything commanded seems to us the very definition of an excellent servant. Yet Christ declared such an individual to be only "unworthy" because he had done no more than was commanded of him. There is nothing outstanding or meritorious about doing only what is expected.

Jesus is helping us to develop a proper understanding of how we should approach service – especially for Him. A servant's position comes with certain expectations and obligations. We should not consider meeting those obligations noteworthy. That is what our position requires. It would be like someone boasting that their new vacuum actually sucks up dust. That is not noteworthy. Vacuums were invented to suck up dust. If they cannot suction dust, they have suffered a fundamental failure. Too often when we serve, we expect accolades and adoration for simply doing what we ought to have done anyway. And, if we are honest,

many times we haven't even given our best efforts.

While we do not want to diminish anyone's service, we need to recognize that serving Jesus to the best of our ability is the least we can do. Jesus deserves our best because unlike poor bosses who regard their workers as mere objects to be exploited for personal (or organizational) gratification, Jesus loves us and sacrificed His life to redeem us. Our love for Him should motivate us to make any sacrifice and surmount any challenge to offer our best to Him.

So, how are you serving Christ? Anything less than whole-hearted, excellent service is woefully short of the bare minimum He deserves. May God empower us to do everything He asks with a humble, joyful spirit – and then some!

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

NOV 29

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

DEC 2

In-person at church.
For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

DEC 4 & DEC 18

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

DEC 4

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

DEC 4

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

➤ 1. CHRISTMAS & YEAR END ACTIVITIES

Christmas Eve Service	December 24 @ 6 pm
Christmas Service	December 25th @ 11 am
New Year's Eve Service	December 31st from 8pm-10pm
New Year's Service	January 1 @ 11 am

- We are collecting items for 3 Christmas food baskets for needy families in our community. Please drop off your non-perishable donations at church by December 13.
- You can be a blessing to residents at the Gardens at Stroud by getting them a Christmas gift. Pick a name from the posted list at the Information Center and donate the items requested. You may see Tom for details
- Lyson and Evelyn Kokadwa are to be received into membership. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- John & Teri Eckert are to be received into membership. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Calvary School of the Bible (CBS) offers a 3-year program with courses on Christian living, ministries, theology, and Bible book surveys. Check out this link to some uploaded classes www.cbepoconos.org and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at hleet1412@gmail.com for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!