Small Things

Derek Chambers · 1 Corinthians 12:4–31

INTRODUCTION

- Not everything has to be the biggest, the greatest, the most fantastic. But lesser, smaller things matter too.
- I want to challenge us to rethink a little bit small things.

1 There Are Many Parts, Yet One Body

1 Corinthians 12:4–31

- As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- God put each part of the physical body there for a reason, and everything in your physical body has a role to play.
- Sometimes what appears to be a small job is bigger than we realize. And sometimes smaller works have a large impact over time.
- There are no small jobs, only small people. All jobs, all tasks are important. We only make them small if we treat them as small.

2 Faithfulness Is Big No Matter the Size

Luke 16:10; Luke 19:17; 1 Peter 4:11

- Faithfulness is important no matter the size of the task, faithfulness is big. Character is big.
- One who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much. And one who is dishonest in very little is also dishonest in much.
- Well done, good servant, because you have been faithful in very little. You shall have authority over ten cities.
- He was doing what he could, and he was doing it with dedication. You see, faithfulness is never a small thing.

3 All Things Include Small Things

2 Corinthians 2:9

- Most things that need to be done as Christians and in the Lord's body are small things.
- Big things like building an ark or slaying a Goliath are pretty rare events. Instead, our lives consist mostly of day-to-day small things.
- So don't wait around for a big grand day to build an ark or slay a giant. Think about the little things you have to do today and do them as best as you possibly can.
- For to this end, and also I wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. All things include small things.

4 We Never Know When Something Is Big

Hebrews 13:2; Hebrews 11:21–22

- Some very big acts have been done by people who thought they were doing a small thing.
- Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers. Seems like a kind of a little thing, right? But some have entertained angels unawares.
- And that made all the difference. That little four words, a little thing from a quiet person, that little touch.
- By faith, Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

5 Everything Is a Big Thing

1 Corinthians 9:25; Philippians 4:13; Titus 2:7

- Everything is a big thing because the bigger picture is our submission to the Lord. And that's never a small thing.
- It's not just about the task at hand, it's about your character. It's about your faithfulness, it's about your integrity. And those are never small things.
- Small things. Add up. All big things are made up of a bunch of smaller things.
- Be faithful daily, even in little things, when no one but the Lord is watching.

6 Little Things Do Matter

Matthew 25:31–40; Matthew 10:42

- For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in.
- Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.
- These small things are presented here as the fault line between the righteous and the wicked.
- Little things do matter. They matter to God. They matter to the other person. They matter to yourself. What matters is faithfulness, not the size of the act.

THE CHALLENGE

And if you're not doing anything, because you can't find anything big enough to do, or the big things are too much for you to do, start looking for some little things you can do. And do them and do them well.

MY NOTES