

## Do You Despise the Small Things

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*“For who has despised the day of small things?” (Zechariah 4:10a NKJV)*

Load the dishwasher. Unload the dishwasher. Wash the clothes. Dry the clothes. Fold the clothes. Iron the clothes. Pick up the dirty clothes off the floor. Boil the eggs. Wash more clothes. Scrape the eggs off the ceiling because you forgot to watch the pot while washing the clothes. Sigh...

Are you in a cycle of an endless list of small stuff that just has to be done, day after day? You know, those mundane tasks left only to women and single men, bless their hearts? Where is God in the small stuff? We keep pace with the small stuff because we have to; who else is going to make the bed? But what about the small stuff of ministry?

One of the enemies we face as Christians is burnout. Most tasks of ministry, inside as well as outside of the church, are thankless, and let's face it, sometimes tedious. We get tired, we get our feelings hurt, we feel overworked and underappreciated, we start comparing our lifestyle to that of others in the body of Christ who seem so blissful and peaceful as they sit on the stool of do-nothing, and we wonder: don't we deserve a little break? Couldn't we just let someone else have a turn at churning the wheel, grinding the wheat, or however we view our list of "small" things God has assigned to us?

One of the great hymns of old, "Little is Much" rings forth:

*Does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known?*

*It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forsake His own.*

*Little is much if God is in it. Labor not for wealth or fame.*

*There's a crown and you can win it, if you'll go in Jesus' name.*

There's nothing small about our labors of service if God is in it. A lot of words describe God, but "small" is not one of them. We are all God's servants in His harvest field. Some of us are the Billy Grahams, and others of us are not well known. Some of us are foremen in the field, others of us laborers. But no matter what your place of service in growing the kingdom of God, remember that God measures our significance with a much different measuring stick than us mere mortals, and He reminds us today, do not despise the small things. Little IS much if God is in it. As you set aside prayer time today, ask God to help you recommit to do every "small" thing, whether at home, at work, or at church, with a thankful heart and to His glory.