

The Little Things

Most have heard "Don't sweat the small stuff ... and it's ALL small stuff!"

Usually meant to have a carefree attitude about life.

Admirable prospect, but should we really let the little things go? And is it all really "small stuff?"

The Bible has a lot to say about "little things."

Jesus got after the Pharisees about it - **Matthew 23:23**

He didn't say to not sweat the small stuff, but rather to not forget the big stuff as well.

It's ALL important!

A Little Foolishness

Ecclesiastes 10:1

One foolish act can be remembered longer than all the good one does in his lifetime.

Consider Hezekiah's foolish deed - **2Kings 20:12-19**

We could also mention the Rich Fool - **Luke 12:16-21**

God called him a fool!

The solution: Acquire wisdom - **Ecclesiastes 10:2; Proverbs 3:13-18; Colossians 1:9-12**

A Little Laziness

Proverbs 6:10-11

How many times have you settled in for "20 winks" only to get up and find out the whole day is gone?

Laziness is maligned because it epitomizes someone completely unprepared. - **Proverbs 6:6-8**

The solution to laziness: Diligence - Be ready! - **Hebrews 6:11-12; 1Corinthians 15:58**

A Little Tongue-Wagging

James 3:3-5

Once words are spoken, they are forever loosed and cannot be retrieved.

"I am master of my unspoken word, yet slave to those which should have remained unspoken."

The solution: Watch your tongue! - **Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6**

"Tact" is the word!

A Little Trouble Between Brethren

1Corinthians 6:1-6

Unity is an ideal to strive for but it's inevitable that disagreements will arise.

Strange how a little matter can sometimes grow to monstrous proportions!

Do we air our dirty laundry before the world?

The solution: Strive for unity always, but take care of matters among ourselves. - **Matthew 18:15-17; 5:22-24**

Better to eat a little crow, or humble pie, than to risk your soul!

A Little Sin

1Corinthians 5:1-6

We must realize that unless we deal with sin among us, it will spread until all are infected.

A sin against one is a sin against all, even the Lord - **1Corinthians 8:12**

The solution: Reach out and restore the sinner - **Galatians 6:1-2**

Discipline as needed - **1Corinthians 5:7-13**

Restoration after repentance - **2Corinthians 2:4-9**

We MUST Sweat the small stuff!

Jesus tells a parable that illustrates the point.

Parable of Ten Menas - **Luke 19:12-27**

If we want the big blessings, we must show responsibility in all things, even the little things. - **Luke 16:10**