

Be a "Doer"

The military is proud of performing inspections. If they aren't actually involved in the "real thing" they're practicing for the "real thing." On one occasion, it was a planned fire drill, with three aircraft in the hanger...

Everything was ready; a small smoldering fire had been set in a steel bucket, and the inspectors were standing by, to observe and of course, grade the squadron's response.

Well, the fire drill didn't go quite as expected - the reason?

Shaky Jenkins saw the smoldering bucket and put the fire out. He just happened to be walking by the smoldering bucket drinking a soda, in a bottle, and he put his thumb on top, shook it up, and then sprayed it in the bucket, kicked it with his foot resprayed it just to make sure, and walked on. The fire was out! The "drill" never got started!

This action did not sit well with the inspectors. They were expecting to hear "Fire!" "Fire!" "Fire!" along with all the bells and whistles. When they talked with Shaky, he, "of course, had no idea a drill was planned." His further response was merely, "Oh; I thought it was a fire, so I just put it out."

The inspectors were not pleased that the "drill" didn't go as planned, but they couldn't fault Shaky, he just did the natural thing, he saw the need and responded, he was a doer, "he put the fire out."

Living the Christian life is like this story. Do what "you" can do. Life is *not* a drill. Everyone can help, work, and serve in ways where only they may know and see the need. What need do you see to do?

We know from Scripture that not everyone has the same skills and abilities. Consider these:

Romans 12:4-11, "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

God does not ask about our ability or inability (He created us), rather, He seeks our availability...

1 Corinthians 12:14-19, "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not, for this reason, any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not, for this reason, any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be?"

You may be able to think of other passages that make the same point; we do have different skills and abilities, but every Christian can and should be using them for the cause of Christ.

A popular term of description concerning character heard from time-to-time is, "skill set." This means the person has the ability, the skill, and the knowledge to carry out a specific work with success. At the same time, this person can also grow and acquire other skills.

As a child of God, we all started as a babe in Christ, and if we use this term without offense, we had a minimal "skill set." However, as in all areas of life, we can and should grow and increase our knowledge, our awareness, our willingness, and our service to others in this world. You and I could be a two-mite giver (Mark 12:41-44) or the one giving a cold drink of water (Mark 9:41); understand, your reward will be great in heaven.

Is the key to be a "doer?" Yes or no? Are you a "doer"?

To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible. Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!



Who is the first person in the Bible mentioned as writing a letter?

Bonus: what happened as a result?

Birthday/Anniversary Lunch: 2nd Sunday...

NMCCH: Spray & Wash and Bar Bath Soap (pick up **April 6, 2019**)

Friday Bible Study: (1/18) at 7PM. Romans chapters 1 through 6.

VBS Planning Meeting: TODAY (1/27) immediately after AM service.