

Little Things That **MATTER** To God

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LUKE 16:10 (KJV)

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There are things we often overlook because they appear too small to deserve our attention. Yet, sometimes, what seems insignificant to man may carry far more weight than he ever imagined. Before God, nothing is truly insignificant when it concerns the condition of the heart. What if some of the things we have dismissed as nothing are actually more important than we think? Most times, what we humans call little are very important to God. It doesn't matter attitude can damage one's soul. This attitude, too, can stain one's garments and hinder God's blessings in one's life.

There are many whom the Lord supposed to have committed more to, but because they are not faithful in the little things in which they are supposed to do, for these things matter so much to God, as such He has bypassed them. Just because they look at these things as not important, God has stepped back from their affairs in many ways.

When talking about little things, we will be talking about things:

1. Things we do and do not count, but truly count.
2. Things we believe God should overlook and can overlook.
3. Things we claim don't matter.

If we look carefully into these, we can see that they all dwell in assumption. We assume most times as humans, believing it should be this way and that way. We are not carefully seeking for the mind of God and His will, whereas it is dangerous to live on assumptions and on what we choose to believe is right. This has led to serious problems for many as they end up becoming costly assumptions. **Luke 16:10 KJV** “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”

This means a person who is faithful in little things will also be faithful in large things. This tells us that there are actually some things referred to as little, but the Lord does not still look at these little things as unimportant. **Matthew 23:23:** “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.” In fact, little things are just as important as the large ones. God is therefore saying that though these things are little, but they cannot be overlooked because they reflect the states of the heart.

Let's examine some of these little things

1. **Punctuality:** The aspect of punctuality is overlooked and taken as something small, but it is very serious and matters so much before God. God is a God that honors covenants. As such, He wants us to be like Him. For example, if a church service is stated for 7am, He would have sent His angels there at exactly 7am, which was the agreed time, even if nobody is there. The angels of God are already there, some with blessings, for those who come early and others to take attendance. Many are not aware of this truth, which is why they always go late to the presence of God. God expects our yes to be yes and no to be no, even in the aspect of punctuality.

Matthew 5:37: “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” If we have agreed to a particular time, we must keep to it, except when there is unforeseen circumstances that occurred, and we must ask God for the forgiveness of coming late. Many do not know that it is something serious, this is why they discard it. Assuming God opens the eyes of people to see what happens when they come to church, they would be more serious with God. A man can come to church and not receive any blessing because they came

late. The moment you get to the presence of God, without any tangible reason, you will be marked absent. Many do not know that for every single act before God, there is a blessing attached to it. Sometimes, the solution to a long-time problem can just be a single act of obedience. For instance, whenever we want to start studying here, we do say those available should say some statements and words or even react. Some ignore this and do not take it as something serious, not knowing that God sees and blesses those who do, because it is an act of obedience, though many see it as not important.

Little things that matter before God. Some have never been marked present in church because they always go late. This matter of punctuality is something God would not take lightly. Some would rush to work so as not to be late because they do not want to be sacked but would walk majestically to church even when they know that they are already late. It is in the lifestyle of some to even go to work late because they believe no one can question them, even if one is self-employed. Keeping to time is part of diligence, which the Scriptures recommend. The English adage says, "Punctuality is the soul of business." One must intentionally take punctuality as something serious, as it matters before God. If you have not taken this into consideration before, please do and ask forgiveness of coming late to God's presence.

2. Care for Animals: Although many do not take this seriously and see it as something not serious, but it matters before God. You are expected to care for the animals you own, and even that of others when they are in danger. **Proverbs 12:10, NLT:** "The godly care for their animals, but the wicked are always cruel." The state of a man's heart can even be seen by the way he treats his animals. Some have animals they do not feed. Some beat animals seriously and harm them. When cruelty is displayed, it is known even right in the heart. If animals are to be killed, they should be

killed in a just way and not in a cruel way. Righteousness is not only revealed in the way you treat other humans, but also in the way you treat animals. A godly person shows compassion, responsibility, and concern for the well-being of animals, ensuring they are fed, protected, and treated humanely. This matter is what many take as something little, whereas it is important before God. This is why God instructed that working animals should be given rest. **Exodus 23:12:** “Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.”

If God does not care for animals, He wouldn't have made such command. He also prohibited muzzling an ox while it was treading grain, allowing it to eat as it worked. **Deuteronomy 25:4** “Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.” This matter is a serious one, to the point that God does not want anyone to take vengeance on their enemies through their animals. **Exodus 23:5:** “If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.” Help them pull the animal out, because it is not the animal that offended you. Righteousness is something deep that would mean you kill your flesh totally. Helping an animal may seem little, but it is great before God, and important, most importantly, rewarding before the Lord.

3. Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Today, these aspects of tithing and offering are seen as minor and little, and many are taking it lightly and as unimportant. There are pastors preaching that it is no longer necessary, that none of the apostles gave tithes and offerings, because it was not recorded. Whereas it is one of the things the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said is part of the little things which should be done. Many have listened to many of these preachers who preached

against it, and have followed these false teachings. **Matthew 23:23 KJV** “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.” The Lord still takes tithing and offering seriously today, because He does not change.

Malachi 3:10 KJV “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Though we take it lightly, God sees those who do contrary as thieves, and no thief will enter heaven. We must note that tithes and offerings are not man's commandments, but of God, and when tithes are given, they are not given to men but to God, because many claim when they give their tithes and offerings, they are enriching the man of God. This is not true. It is only Satan's strategy to make many take this little matter as unimportant, and damn their souls.

If you give tithes and offerings to genuine ministers and churches, you don't begin to ask what these tithes and offerings are used for, because you have given them to God. It is now left for the ministers of God to make use of them the way they are led by God. But refusing to obey God in this regard, because you consider it as nothing serious, is dangerous to your soul. Some ministers of God do not obey this command too, thinking they are exempted from it. They should quickly repent and start obeying it, because tithes and offerings are for everyone. Regardless, there is something the Bible calls tithes of the tithes. If someone gives you a tithe as a man of God, you are expected to remove your tithe from the tithe and give it as led. Refusal to do this, but assuming it does not matter before God can become an

issue which God does not take it lightly. **Numbers 18:26:** “Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, EVEN A TENTH PART OF THE TITHE.” This is all about honoring God with your substance, even as a man of God. Those who receive provision from God's people are still called to give back to God. No one is exempted, even from honoring God. God had ordained that those who serve by the temple should live by the temple. This is why He commanded that tithes and offerings should be given so that there can be enough in His house. **1 Corinthians 9:13:** “Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?” Though this seems little, but it matters before God.

4. Fulfilling of Promises and Payment of Vows: As small and unimportant as this might seem, it matters so much before God. Many make empty promises which they know that they would never keep. But because of what they stand to benefit at that time of making such promises, they go ahead to say things they never thought through and have refused to fulfill such promises. Today, we see men who make promises they cannot fulfill to ladies just because they wanted to have carnal knowledge of them. Some men have made promises to marry some particular women, which they know they would not marry.

These things look small but are important before God. The Lord Jesus Christ, in His teaching, said, “Let your yes be yes and your no no.” **Matthew 5:37:** “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” You need to desist from giving empty promises. Giving empty promises to your children can make them see you as someone who is not truthful and whose words cannot be trusted. In the

same way, making vows before the Lord, which one does not fulfill, matters so much before God, and He does not take it lightly. **Numbers 30:2:** “If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.” This is so serious that the Lord said anyone who makes a vow must not break it and should do according to what has come out of his mouth. This means that before promising anything or making a vow, think deeply and be sure that you would fulfill it. Though breaking promises and vows may not look like something serious to one, but God does not overlook it. In fact, He sees those who do not keep to their vows as fools.

Ecclesiastes 5:4–6: “When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?” God says He does not take delight in fools, those who make vows without paying them. In fact, He says that He might get angry with such and destroy the works of such people's hands.

This means that one of the reasons someone might be struggling and not prospering in their work is simply because God is angry with them for the vow they made and refused to keep. In some churches, when vows are asked to be made, some make vows because they do not want people to speak ill of them, even when they know that they do not have the capacity to pay the vow. And by this, they enter into trouble they could have avoided. It does not matter what people will say. Let them say whatever they like about you. Choose to remain silent and not make promises and vows you cannot keep. It is better than to offend God. If, at

the end, you are able to do something even though you did not vow, it is better than vowing and not fulfilling it. And it should be noted that there is no vow that is too small. So, every vow should be paid. Not paying your vow can become a sin to you.

Deuteronomy 23:21–23: “When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.”

It is a very important matter to God. Anything you are owing as a vow, please don't think the Lord has overlooked it. Go and pay your vow, and if they are impossible to pay anymore, go and make necessary restitution.

5. Avoiding the Use of Sacred Things for Comedy: Today, this has become prevalent in our world, and painfully, God's children have been trapped. **Exodus 20:7:** “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” The Word of God still stands sure: don't take the name of God in vain. God says He would not hold such people guiltless, that is, nothing can justify them before Him if they do not repent. This matters so much to Him, whereas it may look like something small to men. Nevertheless, God still stands on His Word and does not change.

You must be very careful of the comedies you laugh at. Today, comedy is what is thriving on social media, and hardly can you find ten out of a hundred of them where the name of Jesus is not mentioned in vain, and many share these wicked videos and laugh at them. This displeases the Lord so much. We cannot be ridiculing the name of the Lord on earth and then choose to reign

with Him in heaven. Some bring out comedy from the stories of the Bible to make men laugh, turning holy things into profanity. Bible events such as the Last Supper, the baptism of Jesus, His crucifixion, among others, are now joked with, and the most painful aspect is that Christians join them to laugh, whereas it is Satan's strategy to make the Word of God of no effect and ridicule it. What you do when you come across such comedies that ridicule spiritual things matters a lot to God. You need to stop laughing at them, stop watching, sharing and liking them. You must honor the name of the Lord and not join the multitude to do evil.

6. Owing and Returning Promptly: This matters to God too. Those who borrow and do not pay again are seen as wicked men before Him. **Psalm 37:21:** “The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.” Some are of the habit of borrowing and not paying until they are being dragged. This is not supposed to be. God takes it seriously, even though many think it does not matter. Some parents borrow from their children, and when it is time for them to pay back, they would start saying, “Are those children not eating in their house?”

As a parent, you must understand that agreement is agreement. Don't think it is nothing serious. Borrowing from your spouse and not paying back is a big deal. Stop saying people are doing it. Don't borrow if you know that you will not pay back. As small as these things may look, they can lead one's soul to hell. The Scripture says, “Don't owe anyone.” **Romans 13:8:** “Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.” The books you have refuse to return, and even clothes. Please return them. Don't overlook them. They truly matter to God. Think about all those you owe and begin to make plans to pay. Don't say you will not pay them because of

one reason or the other. God won't spare you because of that. Deliver yourself and don't let them send you to hell.

7. Shouting Unnecessarily: This is otherwise known as clamour. **Ephesians 4:31** “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.” Some are of the habit of making unnecessary, disorderly shouting. They raise their voices in anger, creating unnecessary noise, quarrelling loudly, or expressing anger through loud and uncontrolled speech. Though many may feel this does not matter, but God does not see it that way. When some have disagreement as couples, they keep shouting at each other. Their neighbors are the ones who would come and step in.

Some women are fond of shouting, making quarrels in the neighborhood, and in this, they sin. Some men are of the habit of making loud jokes and noises when they are in the midst of their friends. Some even say words that do not have meaning. They just say these things because they feel they have to say something and not because they have something to say. When one begins to shout in an argument, it can lead to several other things like anger, fight, hatred, wrath, and many other evil things. **Proverbs 29:11:** “A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.”

This may look like something not serious, but God counts it so much. How many of the things we have been talking are you not taking seriously, please begin to work on improving so that you can please the Lord. What men may call little, God may consider very important. The little things we ignore can reveal the true state of our hearts and affect our walk with God. Therefore, we must not live by assumptions or treat any instruction of God's Word as insignificant. Let us examine our lives, repent where necessary, and become faithful even in the things that appear

little. For he that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. May the Lord help us to take every matter that concerns Him seriously and live in obedience to His Word.

Let's take His Word for what it is and obey Him.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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