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Doing far more than what is required by duty.

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He went above and beyond the call of duty.

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God's great ones that went above and beyond.

Let us repeat the verses that describe Paul's obsession to do more than duty and us as well.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended:
but this one thing I do, forgetting those things
which are behind, and reaching forth unto
those things which are before,
I press toward the mark for
the prize of the high calling
of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

But as touching brotherly love
ye need not that I write unto you:
for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all
Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren,
that ye increase more and more;

I Thessalonians 4:9-10

Now God himself and our Father,
and our Lord Jesus Christ,
direct our way unto you.

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in
love one toward another, and toward all men,
even as we do toward you:

To the end he may stablish your hearts
unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father,
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Our Paul pressed the churches to do more and more.

The goal is to be solidly ready to meet God and His Son.

One purpose is to define and then motivate to greatness.

Another purpose is to embrace creative church practices.

We should be obsessed to fear,
love, serve, and worship God
with the bold zeal of great ones.

He and His Son have done far
more than duty or fairness
toward us. We owe
all in return.

The greatest fulfillment and joy
in life is to bring gifts to God
of loving worship past duty.

We will never go beyond our
liberty in Christ, but neither let
us ever come short of pressing it.

In the simplest way possible, let us identify some great ones and what they did more than duty.

And like unto him was there no king before him,
that turned to the LORD
with all his heart,
and with all his soul,
and with all his might,
according to all the law of Moses;
neither after him arose there any like him.

II Kings 23:25

God has always ranked men, and
to be great in His sight is easy,
just be extreme for Him.

DAVID and Goliath

Instantly convicted to shut the blasphemer's mouth!

He did not care all others were afraid or what they thought.

He did not care that Eliab and Saul both tried to discourage him.

He ran to meet the proud giant with five stones for his whole family.

To David it was the cause of God ... and he gave all the glory to Jehovah.

What made him totally different from the others?

He ignored the ridicule, caution, and his own safety.

Where was Saul? Jonathan? Eliab? Abinadab? Shimea?

He ignored what everyone else thought and chose to do.

It is easy to know why DAVID was God's favorite!

DAVID and the Ark

He instantly wanted to move it as soon as in office!

King Saul and tradition of 40 years had left it in storage.

He turned the event into a massive celebration for the LORD.

He danced with all his might without regard for his own dignity.

He punished the foolish woman left over from Saul's profane family.

Profane souls will always oppose worship.

Are you like David wanting to celebrate God?

Is our church doing all it can to glorify our Lord?

DAVID and the Temple

God never asked for one or hinted for one!

David instantly thought of it as soon as he was free.

He had to make sure God was treated better than he was.

When he could not build it, he made sure he paid and prepared.

After much preparation, he charged Solomon and princes to grandeur.

God never asked for it or hinted for it. Get it?

David thought way beyond Moses' tent. Get it?

Why did David think outside the box constantly?

How much did God like David going beyond Moses?

He built David a house and his Son Jesus reigns forever!

Never forget David's EXCEEDING MAGNIFICAL!

DAVID and Music

The Psalms are lyrics of songs for worship!

God and His Son Jesus want them sung in the N.T.

David invented numerous instruments to exalt worship.

He organized orchestras and singers for constant glory to God.

Hezekiah 200 years later and Josiah 300 years later still used them.

If you do not like to sing to worship. What?

If you do not like to sing loud to worship. What?

If you do not like to sing skilfully to worship. What?

If you do not think to understand all the words. What?

Do you understand why we have a singing camp? Do you?

It is easy to know why DAVID was God's favorite!

God told us more about David for us to copy him!

Phinehas and Baalpeor

Balaam taught Moab to fornicate with Israel.

God sent a plague to punish the fornicating church.

While the nation cried, Phinehas speared a coupled couple.

Did God approve? God stopped the plague and blessed Phinehas.

God made Phinehas an example of justification like Abraham and Rahab.

Then stood up Phinehas,
and executed judgment:
and so the plague was stayed.

And that was counted unto him for righteousness
unto all generations for evermore.

Psalm 106:30-31

Who do you cry for? Only crying for God counts!

What takes over a man to be so violent to others?

Phinehas is one of the most blessed men in the Bible.

It was his zeal that God praised and blessed this man for.

Hannah and Samuel

This zealous woman gave her son to the LORD.

She trained him so well that he worshipped about 5.

He is one of the five great intercessors for ministry to Israel.

He anointed both Saul and David as kings and hewed Agag to pieces.

He made the Hall of Faith for his faithful obedience though with bad sons.

Hezekiah and Passover

He cleaned up the temple as soon as king!

He broke the law keeping the feast a month late.

He broke the law with participants not rightly sanctified.

He broke the law by celebrating it for two weeks, not just one.

Did God like his creativity? Their prayers came up into His dwelling place!

Hezekiah had prophets, but he also prayed.

To cover ... "The good LORD pardon every one."

Do you love him for his zeal? One of God's greats!

He did not care about habit, tradition, or even the law.

God will have mercy over sacrifice and worship over it also!

We will never go beyond our
liberty in Christ, but neither let
us ever come short of pressing it.

Jehu and Baal Worship

God chose a man that drove furiously!

He killed kings and sons of Judah and Israel.

He killed Jezebel and trampled her under his horse.

He deceived Israel for a fabulous killing of Baal worshippers.

God's words of praise are some of the best, but he returned to the calves.

And the LORD said unto Jehu,
Because thou hast done well
in executing that which is right in mine eyes,
and hast done unto the house of Ahab according
to all that was in mine heart,
thy children of the fourth generation
shall sit on the throne of Israel.

II Kings 10:30

JONADAB and Houses/Wine

He was Jehu's partner but did not backslide!

He denied his family right to houses and to wine.

He did this in prophetic warning of coming judgment.

They kept their father's extreme rule for several generations.

They would not compromise even with Jeremiah serving (chap 35)!

ISRAEL and Preaching Service

They went and got Ezra to preach to them.

They stood from morning to noon to hear preaching.

The reverently lifted hands and bowed heads, AMEN, AMEN.

They wept with conviction; they had great mirth; they asked for more.

When they learned about the feast of booths, they did it seven days gladly.

MARY of Bethany

Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha, and Mary.

Mary on one occasion sat at His feet to hear.

Mary also anointed Jesus very costly and personally.

She was criticized by Martha and Judas, but Jesus defended.

Who are you most like? ... Mary? ... Judas? ... Martha? ... Lazarus?

What made Mary sit at His feet and ignore Martha?

What made Mary so extreme to not just sit quietly?

Was it not a bad waste for so much costly ointment?

Wasn't she a little extreme and forward with her hair?

Jesus loved her and promised it would be told worldwide!

MARY Magdalene and the Tomb

She constantly followed Jesus.

She rose while dark to anoint His body again.

When she could not find it, she ran to tell the apostles.

When they could not find Him, she peeked and wept further.

Jesus appeared first to this zealous woman after His resurrection.

PAUL and his Calling

How many minutes to convert Saul to Jesus?

What did he do after getting his sight and a bite?

He labored more abundantly than all the other apostles.

He fought a good fight. He finished His course. He kept the faith.

He was never content. He never rested on his laurels. He pressed on.

He told us to follow him as he followed Christ.

Why did Paul not have a wife? Come on already!

No children? No grandchildren? Is that not extreme?

He warned us to manage life to keep Christ always first.

But I would have you without carefulness.

He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

I Corinthians 7:32-33

Time would fail me to tell of
Abraham, Moses, Caleb, Asa, Josiah,
Daniel, Nehemiah, Barnabas, Aquila
and Priscilla, Timothy, Stephanas, etc.

Our history shows how many things we changed to follow God more perfectly with zeal.

A Few Things We Have Done to Go Above and Beyond (1)

Fatted Calf Feasts
Singing Camp
Men's Sunday Prayer
Bible Quizzing
Wednesday Services
Spiritual Youth Group
Saturday Preparation
JOY Club
Proverbs Translations
Extensive Website
Proverbs to 240 Nations
WhatsApp in Languages
Weekly Updates

Mirth Feasts
Bible Reading
Written Testimonies
Dress for Worship
Four Songbooks
Jim & Newell X 7!
Psalter
Preparatory Email
Men's Meetings
Women's Meetings
College & Career
Martyr Presentations
From 1 to 3 Services a Week

A Few Things We Have Done to Go Above and Beyond (2)

Psalm Presentations
Detailed Sermon Outlines
Fellowship Meals Often
New Member Meetings
Weekly Prayer Meetings
Reverent Assemblies
Open Pulpit to Praise
Proverbs Commentary
Many Extensive Outlines
Change for Conviction
Condemn Cremation
Many, Many Doctrines
Emphasize the Spiritual

PPT Sermons to Enhance
Record and Publish All
Doctrine to Delighting
Organism over Organization
Love for Souls
Higher Ground Emphasis
Holy Spirit Emphasis
Christ Emphasis
One-Word Arguments
Zoom for the Absent
Supporting Pastors
Charity Willingness
Prayer at Platform

A Few Things We Have Done to Go Above and Beyond (3)

Ended Child Baptisms

Seminary to Sanctuary

Modesty Scrapbook

Embrace our Children

Religion to Relationship

Compact Entire Body

One-Another Relationships

Communion is Congregational

No Non-Resident Members

Intra-Church Fellowship

Move to be Closer

Reverence Civil Rulers

Well-themed Retreats

We will wait on God to convict us
for more, and we will put our
minds to work ourselves!

A Few Things You Might Do Publicly or Privately

Food Service
Clean Up
Host/Visit/Lead Youth
Invest in a Couple
Hosting Prayer Meetings
Invest in an Individual
Attend Prayer Meetings
Correspond with Contacts
Destroy Personal Fault
Private Giver (to God)
Host Visitors
Feast Planning
Quiz Cheerleader

Greet Visitors
Public Thanksgiving
After Service Meal
Psalm Presentation
Bread & Wine Gift
Fasting
Singing Published
Email Chain
Communion Prep
Pray or Lead Singing
Flowers for Funerals
Prayer Warrior (Anna)
Guest House Care

Think with me. The best gift you can give God might not be in the list so you can make it your own!

For Further Study

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