

Always Do Your Best

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Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., used to say, “To do less than your best is a sin.” God expects every individual to live up to his full potential. *Your* best may not be *the* best; but if it’s your be God-blessed.

In Mark 14:8 Jesus said of Mary of Bethany, “She hath done what she could.” In other words, she had lived up to her full potential. To be sure, there were some who were financially able to do more than Mary did, but no one can do more than live up to his or her full potential.

A Bantam chicken is a much smaller chicken than a Rhode Island Red. However, just like the Rhode Island Red, the Bantam also lays an egg. But its egg is smaller.

I have asked congregations, “Why do you think God made a Bantam chicken? Do you think He made a mistake and realized that He didn’t make it big enough, so He started over and made larger chickens such as the Rhode Island Red and White Leghorn?”

Of course not. God doesn't make mistakes. He knows the end from the beginning. He made Bantam chickens because He wanted some Bantam eggs, and He never expected the Bantam to lay a Rhode Island Red egg.

The point is, the Bantam does her best, and so does the Rhode Island Red; and that's all God expects of either.

I heard of a rooster that saw an ostrich egg for the first time. He couldn't believe his eyes. Rolling the egg back into the henhouse, he called the chickens together and said, "Now, sisters, I don't want you to think I'm complaining, but I want you to see what they're doing in other places."

He was trying to motivate those White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds to lay ostrich eggs. But no matter how hard they tried, they were limited. If they tried and failed, they would need to be psycho-analyzed. And if they tried and succeeded, the Lord knows they would need major surgery.

Do your best, and God will reward you based not upon what you've done but upon what you've done in light of what you could have done.

This applies to the little things as well, whether it be

mowing the lawn, washing the dishes, preparing your lessons, or whatever. Do your best.

The Scripture says in Colossians 3:23, “Whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”