



# ***Little Things Mean A Lot***



# “Little Things Mean a Lot”

## #1 song in 1954

- Don't have to buy me diamonds and pearls Champagne, sables or such I never cared much for diamonds and pearls 'Cause honestly honey, they just cost money
- Give me your hand when I've lost the way Give me your shoulder to cry on Whether the day is bright or gray Give me your heart to rely on
- Send me the warmth of a secret smile To show me you haven't forgot For always and ever, now and forever Little things mean a lot

Water boils at 212 F





**Speed Skating**

**USA**  **Joey Mantia**  
Ocala, FL

**4th place - Men's Mass Start**

# **Little things are important...**

- Have you ever gotten a pebble in your shoe?
- What would happen if you used salt instead of sugar in a cake recipe ?



# Little things are important...

- **Mark 12: 41-44 The Widow's Offering**
- 41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. 43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

- **Matthew 9: 20-22**

- 20And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” 22Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”



# **What are the little things everyone can do ?**

- Believe and have faith
- Leave your life of sin behind
- Start a new life doing the “little things” for the  
Lord !

# Belief/Faith

- You believe in air and sunrises
- **Psalm 19:1** 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- **Psalm 8: 1-4** 3When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him,

# Belief/Faith

- 1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (**Hebrews 11: 1-3**)
- 22And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. 23Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours ( **Mark 11: 21-24**)
- 17So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (**Romans 10:17**)

# Leave the worldly life behind

- 38And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 2:38**)
- 9The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (**2 Peter 3:9**)
- ” 31And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” (**Luke 5: 29-35**)

# Leave the worldly life behind

- But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.  
**(Galatians 5:16-25)**

# Start doing the “little” things:

## Study

- 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3: 16**)
- 10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. (**Acts 17:17**)

# Start doing the “little” things:

## Pray

- 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (**1 Thess. 5:17**)
- 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (**Romans 12:12**)
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (**Philipians 4:4**)



# Start doing the “little” things: Love

- “Love is often described in terms of grand deeds, such as moving mountains. Love can indeed influence such deeds, but usually it is the little things that mean a lot more in love.”
- “These little things be they gestures, actions or words are the many small things that we do every day and that naturally express our heart. They are not the result of calculations or intentions but are rather spontaneous expressions of what we feel moved to do.”
- Dr. Aaron Ben-Zeev Ph.D Psychology Today Dec. 2011

# Start doing the “little” things:

## Love

- 34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” **(Matthew 22 : 34-40)**

# Start doing the “little” things:

## Love

- 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
- **(1Corinthians 13: 4-7 and 13)**

# Start doing the “little” things: Love

- 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- **(Galatians 6: 9-10)**

# Start doing the “little” things: *Share*

- *The Great Commission*: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (**Matthew 28: 18-20**)

# Start doing the “little” things:

## *Share*

- 1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (**2 Timothy :1-2**)

# **Start doing the “little” things: Still more to do...**

- Singing praises to God (***Colossians 3:16***)
- Observing the Lord’s Supper (***1 Cor. 11: 23-26***)
- Contributions to the Lord’s Church (***1 Cor. 16: 1-2***)
- Finding your own way to serve in God’s Kingdom ! (***1 Cor. 12***)