

forced him to depend more on Christ in everything, which enhanced his witness.

John eventually became the company's top salesman, and God used him to win many colleagues to Christ. Later, as branch manager, John and his team became the company's largest branch worldwide--all without compromising Christian integrity.

Are you striving to live and work without compromise in a tough place? Are you doing your best, but your best is not enough? Colossians 1:29 reminds us that dependence on God's mighty power within us is what makes us effective. John, the businessman, summed it up like this: "God helps me do better than I can!"

He will do the same for you. --JEY

*Saviour, let me walk beside Thee,  
Let me feel my hand in Thine;  
Let me know the joy of walking  
In Thy strength and not in mine. --Sidebotham*

**May our boast be not in what we do for Christ,  
but in what Christ does for us.**



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### Better Than Your Best

**I also labour, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. --Colossians 1:29**

When John became a salesman in a well-known insurance company years ago, his aim was to work effectively in his firm without compromising his Christian integrity. But there were those who considered him naive. In their view, one could possess job security or Christian integrity--not both.

But John did not waver in his commitment to be a godly witness in the business world. Although he was in a job that required accurate calculations, he had a weakness when it came to simple arithmetic. This





# People

## Habits of a Godly Man III

### 1. What are the habits of godly men that sustain their souls?

- #1 Absorbing the Word
- #2 Breathing out prayer,
- #3 Heart worship,
- #4 Focused fasting,
- #5 Silence and Solitude,



### 2. What are the habits of godly men that bless others?

#### #1. Good \_\_\_\_\_,

(Genesis 43:16) "When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take these men to my home, ...""

(Matthew 20:8) ""So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers ...'"

(Luke 12:42) "And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"

(1 Corinthians 4:1-2) "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. {2} Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."

#### T \_\_\_\_\_, Romans 13:11-14



(Ephesians 5:15-16) "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, {16} redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

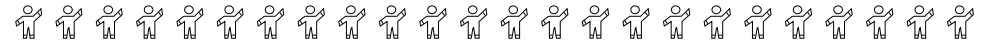
#### T \_\_\_\_\_

(Job 41:11) "... Everything under heaven is Mine."

(1 Corinthians 16:2) "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."

(2 Corinthians 9:7) "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

(1 Timothy 5:8) "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is



worse than an unbeliever."

(Proverbs 6:6-8) "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, {7} Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, {8} Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest."

(Luke 12:18-22) ""So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. {19} 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" {20} "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' {21} "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

(Luke 16:10) ""He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; ..."

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(1 Peter 4:10) "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

### #2. S \_\_\_\_\_, Romans 12:11b, 12:1, 12:6a

(Psalms 100:2) "Serve the LORD with gladness; ..."

(Isaiah 6:6-8) "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. {7} And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." {8} Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me.""



Frances Havergal

(John 13:14) ""If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

(Galatians 5:13) "... through love serve one another."

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7) "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. {5} There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. {6} And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. {7} But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."

(Philippians 2:13) "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

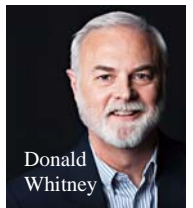
### #3. E \_\_\_\_\_,

(Matthew 28:18-20) "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. {19} "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

(Acts 1:8) ""But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.""

(1 Thessalonians 2:4) "But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts."

(Galatians 1:10) "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."



Donald Whitney

