

Tuesday, December 5

Small Things with Great Love

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much. Luke 16:10 (NIV)

For years, every Advent I would make big plans to do all kinds of things for others during the season. I made promises to myself that I would try and be “holier” during this time of waiting. But most years I was not very successful, or at least not successful in my books. I found this frustrating and disheartening. Then one year I read a quote from Mother Theresa that changed everything for me: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

Immediately I thought, “this I can do”, so that year I forgot about all the grandiose gestures and plans of the years before, and decided instead to focus on small things that I could do each day that would make a difference in someone’s life. I have learned over the years not to get too caught up on what is a “small thing” and just do something. Whatever we do, nothing is too small; even the smallest of gestures does not go unnoticed. It is still a blessing for those on the receiving end.

In this way, we all can have an impact each day in the lives of those around us. Not just during Advent but year around. We often forget that even the smallest gestures can make the most meaningful impact. When we choose to live like this at work, at school, shopping, getting groceries or even attending a sporting event we will be surprised at the big and positive impact we can have on others.

Dear Lord, help us to remember that even the smallest gesture and can have a major impact. Help us to see that these simple gestures and works of love can change lives. Amen.

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