

Measuring Up

“Tekel” means weighed: You have been weighed in the balances, and have not measured up” Daniel 5:27

Normally when most people step onto a scale, they want to weigh less. But when you step onto God’s scale, you want to weigh more. You want to have substance and depth and purpose and weight to your life. When Daniel confronted the wicked King Belshazzar, he told him, “You have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up.” Effectively he was saying, “Belshazzar, you are a spiritual lightweight. You have done nothing with your life.”

The Bible tells us that all Christians will stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. In speaking of this, Paul wrote, “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have – Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials – gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value” (I Cor. 3:11-13).

It is not so much about bad things you did; it is more a question of what you did with your life. Did you accomplish anything? Did you impact anyone? Did you seek to glorify God with your life? Or did you spend it in the pursuit of nothingness?

Don’t worry about what God has called someone else to do. Focus on what God has called you to do, because the key in that final day is not how much you did, but why you did it. God is far more interested in our faithfulness than He is in our success. It is all about faithfulness. It is all about doing what God has set before you and doing it well, with all your might. That is what you and I will be judged for in that final day.

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