

Try
Colossians 3:23-24
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of trying our best in the labors of a Christian.

- Intro:
1. You have to try. Nothing gets done by accident.
 2. The word “try” defined:
 - make an attempt or effort to do something.
 - use, test, or do (something new or different) in order to see if it is suitable, effective, or pleasant.
 - attempt to achieve or attain.
 3. What should the Christian try to do?

I. The Importance of Trying

A. You cannot be afraid to try

1. We cannot be afraid, we don't have time to be (**Joshua 1:9, Phil 4:13**)
2. Why and what do you fear?
 - Rejection of others (they are not rejecting you as much as they are rejecting the message)
 - Failure (you only fail when you refuse to try)

B. You May Surprise Yourself

1. **2 Timothy 1:7**
2. Moses was not confident in himself, it seems neither was Timothy as Paul encouraged him often.
3. All that is expected is to try.

II. Try...

A. to reach out

1. Invite others to services and events
 - a. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the unfaithful
2. Outreach is the job of everyone (**Eph 2:10**)

B. being a worker

1. Find a way to serve and do it (**Gal 6:10a**)
 - No need to bother signing up for things you do not intend to do

C. being helpful

1. There may be those who could use a helper.
 - a. One time help, weekly, etc it doesn't matter
 1. Some things are not always helpful, be helpful not a time waster.
 - b. To be helpful one is a “fellow laborer” (**1 Thess 3:2, Philemon 1:1**)

D. to go beyond what is expected of faithful Christians

1. **Luke 17:5-10** (notice v.8-10)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Stop saying “Someone else can do it”

1. Outreach is the job of every Christian (**Mt 9:37-38**)

2. Every conversation will not turn to a Bible study or result in someone visiting, but some may.

a. ***One thing is certain, when you don't try, you will certainly fail.***

B. Start saying "I want to do it"

1. **Jeremiah 1:6-7**, there are no age restrictions (the young can do it)
2. The old can do it (**Heb 11:21-22**, dedication in later years)

Application & Conclusion:

1. If someone is going to be ashamed, let it be the sinner (**Rom 1:16**)
2. Don't be ashamed to try, in invite, to discuss and to reach out to others in general.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9