

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