

your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ' For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' You see, as Christians we are told to "Just Do It," that is to say we are to go and teach our children, our families, those we work with, our neighbors, and all those we come into contact with about our Lord and Savior who came into this world to save mankind from their sins. As Christians we are not to be afraid, we are to step out of our comfort zones and just go to work and do it. They say hind sight is 20/20, on the judgment day your past will be made very clear as to what you did not do compared to what you should have done. In **Revelation 3:14** Jesus is talking about the church in

Laodicea which was neither hot or cold, **Revelation 3:14-20** 14 "And the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 'I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked - 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. I dare say these words that are spoken here in **Rev. 3** will be words said to us at the judgment day if we don't live or work for the Lord today. As Christians, if we put as much time into spreading God's Word as we do into having fun - such as fishing or playing golf, or whatever else we do to pass time - my friends, the churches in this country would be filled to capacity. As Christians we should fear God, love God and most of all follow and be obedient toward God all the days of our lives. In **John 14:15** Jesus says: "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

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## "Just Do It"

Nike has several commercials showing different athletes doing a variety of sports. In these commercials, you will see athletes going all out to do the very best they can in their chosen sport; whether it be football, basketball, track and field, or swimming. They are giving it all they have. At the end of these commercials the athletes will stop and look at you with a sense of satisfaction because they did their best. One of the messages that these commercials are sending to us, the viewer, is: "Just Do It." Give what you are doing the best you can do. As Christians today, do we give our all out best toward our Lord Jesus as we live our daily lives? Do we let the world and those around us see Jesus

in our daily lives? Do our co-workers see Jesus in our lives in the way we work at our jobs? Do our friends and family see Jesus in the way we walk in our daily lives? Do they see Jesus when they watch what we watch on TV or hear the kind of music that we listen to? Do others around us see us as Christians who are active in the work of the church? Do they see how seriously we worship our Lord and Savior? Do we as Christians carry the name Christian (Christ-like) with the zeal to do our very best; always wanting to please our Lord and Savior? Or, instead of giving our best, are we the lukewarm type in which we are neither hot nor cold.

cold? Do we try to straddle the fence in this life; that is to say we try to keep one foot in the world with its pleasures and the other foot in the church only on Sundays? When you talk with those at work or those you know who claim to be Christians, over half will say it is hard to be Christian in these times. My answer to these individuals is that the times today are no different from those in the Bible. Today, in this country, one will probably not lose his life for being a Christian, but we do see this country going farther and farther away from God's Word. We are straying from being a godly nation. In other parts of this world, you will be persecuted for standing up and saying that you're a Christian. We may one day have to face this same persecution but to get back to our point - it has always been this way since the beginning of time. Serving God requires courage, sacrifice, and great faith. Men and women of faith throughout the scriptures lived in difficult times. If we read the Bible, we can learn that others before us could follow God and His Son, Jesus, during hard times. I dare say that we can do the same in our world today. Some good examples are found in **Hebrews 11** such as Noah, Abraham, and Moses. In the Gospels, we read about the twelve apostles who were sent out to preach the very Words that Jesus the Son of God taught them to preach to a world lost in sin and death. In **Genesis 6**, we find a man named Noah who was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God. God told Noah to build an ark of

gopher wood because God would destroy the world with water due to the wickedness of man. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord because he obeyed and followed God. In **Genesis 12**, we find a man called Abram, later called Abraham. God told Abram to leave his country, his people and his father's household and go to the land that God would show him. God told Abram that He would make him into a great nation and God said He would bless Abram and make his name great. God told Abram to go. Abram left, as God had told him. In **Exodus**, we find another man called Moses tending the flock of his father-in-law, the priest of Midian in the desert by Mt. Horeb. Moses saw a burning bush and went over to see this strange sight. God called Moses from within the bush. God told Moses to go back to Egypt to lead God's people to a good and spacious land flowing with milk and honey. Moses left with his brother Aaron and went back to Egypt to free God's people, to bring them to the promised land. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John we read about twelve men that Jesus chose to be His followers to learn God's way and to teach the very words of God to a world lost in sin. All but one (Judas) obeyed the Lord in going into the world to save a lost world. In **Acts 9**, we read about a man who was zealous for God, but in the wrong way. He was on the road to Damascus so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way (Christians) whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. But he met Jesus on the way in a vi-

sion. He was told to go into the city and there he would be told what to do. Ananias, after receiving a vision from the Lord, had the courage to go to Saul (Paul) and tell him what he needed to do. (**Acts 9:10-18; Acts 22:12-16**) When Paul was baptized he became a chosen instrument to carry the name of Jesus before the Gentiles, and their kings and before the people of Israel. Paul did what Jesus told him to do: he got up, was baptized, washed his face, ate, and went to work. How many of us today, as Christians, have the attitude of Paul who never ceased from his work, preaching to those in a lost world? How many of us, when we are persecuted with vile words and the cold shoulder, will say it is too hard to do the will of God? Are we so easily discouraged that we just give up when the world hates us because we take on the name of our Lord and Savior and do His will? Do we go the extra mile to teach those we know that are lost? Do we love our neighbors to the point where we care more about their soul than just getting along with others? Jesus Himself said count it not strange if the world hates us as Christians, because the world hated Him first. As Christians, we should fear God more than this world, because when one becomes a Christian we have an obligation to go throughout the world or community to proclaim the word of God to those we come into contact with. **Matthew 28:19-20** 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.* Another good example of just doing it is found in **Matthew 25:14**, here Jesus tells the Parable of the Loaned Money. **Matthew 25:14-27** 14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of