

MUST SEE TV – A Million Little Things

As we've journeyed through this Must See TV series, we've in essence, journeyed through the Christian life. We were all lost, without hope, but the Savior came looking for us. Upon finding us, He offered salvation, by faith, through Grace and we looked at how grace carries us through our lives and walk with Jesus. Finally, this week we're going to talk about what we need to walk a life worthy of the calling to which Jesus called us.

pointillism - a technique of neo-impressionist painting using tiny dots of various pure colors, which become blended in the viewer's eye to create a finished product.

George Seurat introduces this style somewhere between 1884-1886 with his painting "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte." In this painting we see a beautiful compilation of individuals from all different make up and backgrounds, enjoying the same scenery on the same day. It really is a beautiful picture, with the exception of this creepy "thing" at the base of the tree here who closely resembles "Kenny from South Park!"

If you look closely, you will see that the sum of this painting is derived from millions of individual dots. Little dots placed strategically all over the canvas that compile to make what your eyes see.

The sum of your life, your pursuit of holiness, is really the sum of a million little things.

It's not one or two BIG moments in our lives that shape our faith. It's not just the day of salvation or the day of baptism or the day of repentance, no, it's a million little things that come together that either draw us closer to God and reveal His glory in our lives or it's a million little things that drive us apart from God.

2 Peter 1

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an

entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It's important first and foremost, to establish who Peter is writing to here.

If you look back at:

1 Peter 1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

¹To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

He's writing here to Christians...to believers who are called to walk in the glory and excellence of Jesus Christ.

Three things that I want to point out in this passage of Scripture that marks our lives as believers and how we are to supplement our faith.

1) WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL THINGS:

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Sinful desire, we are impacted to some degree by this, some more than others, but it is a commonality among all believers because we live in a fallen world and are still in the flesh.

But notice here that Peter writes that we have been granted ALL THINGS.

You are equipped. Not of your own abilities, but through God's divine power.

See, we have done everything that we can to supplement our faith with our abilities.

Proverbs 26

¹¹ Like a dog that returns to his vomit
is a fool who repeats his folly.

¹² Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 14

¹² There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

Our ways lead to destruction. The more that we allow our desires and wants creep in, the more there is a wedge driven between us and God.

The only way to attack the desires of life and live a life worthy of the call is through the divine power of God.

What does that look like?

Proverbs 3

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

How does this work? It starts with our relentless pursuit of the things of God.

7 things here that we are to supplement our faith with:

- Virtue – behavior showing high moral standards
- Knowledge – facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.
- Steadfastness – the quality of being resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.
- Self-control – the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations

- Godliness – the quality of being devoutly religious; piety
- Brotherly affection – a gentle feeling of fondness or liking toward others
- Love – an intense feeling of deep affection

It's important to know that these things DO NOT SAVE you!

Supplement – something that completes or enhances something else when added to it.

However, they enhance it when they are practiced. They make you EFFECTIVE and FRUITFUL! Who doesn't want to be effective and fruitful?

2) THESE THINGS MUST GROW

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¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

Things are not growing in you that are not practiced. Practicing these things requires effort. We must consistently be in the Word, be in communication with God and ever be seeking Him for understanding and knowledge.

3) THE LACK OF THESE THINGS IS CATASTROPHIC

2 Peter 1

⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

This is such a dangerous place to be and it only takes a little.

Galatians 5

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Remember what we talked about in the lost sermon? The results of sin:

- It takes you further than you wanted to go.
- It keeps you longer than you wanted to stay.
- It costs you more that you wanted to pay.

We would do good to keep this at the forefront of our minds and focus on things that supplement our faith and not our desires.

In everything we do, let us seek first God and His holiness, so that ours may be complete.

DL Moody said "I pity any man who lives so that people have to ask, "Is he a Christian?" Let us live so that no one needs ask that question about us."

Christianity becomes irrelevant to a lost and suffering world when those who claim to follow Jesus are more concerned about

criticizing other Christians than loving the broken hearts of those around them. #[pharisee](#)