

Life Lessons

“God Always Works ‘In spite of’”

Solomon wrote: “*He that walks with the wise shall be wise*” (Prov. 13:20). **Carefully consider all the heroes of the faith and all the champions of God and you will find only one absolute common denominator: GOD ALWAYS DOES HIS WORK IN SPITE OF OUR WEAKNESS!**

Every great servant of God and **every** brother or sister you stand in awe of has found success and achievement is service to the Lord **in spite of his or her own weaknesses.**

Consider the story of Alexander Whyte. Whyte served the Free St. George’s Church of Edinburgh, Scotland for forty-seven years. He was an absolute master in the pulpit. He was the hardest working preacher-pastor you could ever want to know. He was humble to a fault. He was a constant source of encouragement to others and prolific in his writing letters of appreciation. He was so inclined to see the good in others that one friend wrote to another of Whyte, **“Remember all Whyte’s geese are SWANS!”** Whyte was almost always the first to offer a pastoral visit yet was so disciplined that forty years went by with seldom a day missed in written notes in his Bible from his personal devotional life. He was an excellent student, a dynamic preacher, a humble man, a master at time management and so much more; yet even in all of this God worked in spite of Whyte.

W. Robertson Nicoll stated Whyte’s weakness clearly. **“He could not endure controversies with individuals.”** Warren Weirsbe said of Whyte, **“He would go to almost any length to build brides, even if he had to build them on sinking sand.”** Was this because he was born out of wedlock and abandoned by his father? Maybe so. Nevertheless, **one thing is obvious, God worked in spite of Whyte and if God works through you it will be in spite of you.** This leaves no excuse for slackness but rather stirs every cord of passionate gratitude. **“Oh, what a good God we have!”**