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Trifles

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Trifles mean a thing of little value or importance. During the first Christmas morning, a little child is born in a small town. Though the world did not know who the child was, this event certainly changed the world history. The world celebrates Christmas day, a very special day marked in all calendars around the world. Truly, God uses little things, tasks, places, and people in introducing our Lord Jesus Christ to the world.

1. God uses the little people. In Christmas time, the children are very excited. They enjoy looking at them gazing at the gifts, the lights and the festive food shared to them. During the birth of Christ, God chose the lowly shepherds (Lk. 2:8-9) rather than the influential people, Pharisees and royalties. God chose Mother Mary, a humble teenage daughter, and St. Joseph, a carpenter, as our Lord's family on earth. He uses the lowly and humble to see Him (1Cor. 1:27-29) and experience life with Him. God also uses the little people to do great things. The story of David, Moses, Gideon, Elisha and the little boy who brought two loaves and five fishes are some of the people whom God chooses.

2. God uses little places. Jesus used little places when He was doing ministry here in earth. He lived in Nazareth in the region of Galilee, and He was born in the town of Bethlehem. Moreover, the prophets in the Old Testament foresaw the importance of these places in the salvation of the people.

3. God uses little things. When Jesus Christ was born, He was not staying in a soft baby crib but

in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. God uses little things according to the world to do big things. God even appeared in a little burning bush. Moreover, Samson used a jawbone during battle while the widow used an empty jar to experience a miracle from God.

How can God use us? God can use us simply by making ourselves available for Him. It is not enough to think that we are in spirit with Him, but to be present also for Him like a living sacrifice (Rom. 12).

4. God uses our little tasks. God sees what we do and gets a reward for every task. Whoever sows sparingly reaps sparingly, and who sows generously reaps generously (2 Cor. 9). Our little tasks to build up the Christian community are important in the eyes of the Lord.

Conclusion:

It is in the little things that God shows himself to us. We are to look at the small gestures to know what is divine. In God's family, our small act of kindness is very much rewarded by God and also our service in our churches. We should be aware of God's presence and let our whole self be available for His call for service.

Reflection:

1. What are some of the ways you can serve the Lord through your family?
2. When do you think is the best time to serve the Lord?
3. How do you open your life to Christ for service?

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