

Preaching Dates

16 December 2018

Irene Campbell (am) at
Westwood Baptist Church, East Kilbride

Andrew Chalkley (am) at
Lochgilphhead Baptist Church

Brian Crockett (am) at Vale of Leven
Baptist Church, Alexandria

Jonathan Groves (am) at Summerhill
Parish Church with Kerusso Trust
Presentation.

Charles Sommerville (am) at
Carbrain Baptist Church

Ian Stephen (am) at
Borders General Hospital

Aubrey Jamieson (pm) at Fishermen's
Mission Christmas Nightcap Service at
Lerwick Baptist Church.

Jim McNulty (am + pm) at
Islay Baptist Church



“Be faithful in the little things”

By George Ramsay

In general people are attracted by big things – headlines that grab the attention regarding some success story in the business world, or some scandal concerning a prominent public figure.

In the area of mega churches there are those who will travel half way round the world to see if they can copy the same method, have the same ethos and imitate the same format in order to have the same success. What works in one place does not necessarily work in another place. People forget that the Lord may be pleased to work one way in one area but it does not mean that He desires to replicate the same work elsewhere. God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. Big projects, whether humanitarian or of a spiritual nature, grip many and move them to get on board. If everyone else is supporting them, they must be right and should guarantee success.

The Christian is called to be faithful in the little things – the routine and simple duties of life. Is not this where we all fail? We often hear it said about some sportsperson that they perform well on the big occasions. The Christian life is about how we perform all the time, even when no one sees us, remembering that God's searchlight is always upon us.

In Warfield's sermon he comes to the root of the matter when he states "You cannot build up a religious life except you begin to perform faithfully your simple daily duties". Failure in this lets 'the little foxes spoil the vines'. Our Lord Jesus is our great example of faithfulness in the simple duties of life, for example providing food for the five thousand and when he stooped to wash the disciples' feet.

Of course there are big occasions and big projects but the test of success in this life is not the performance of an hour, but of a lifetime, through a life of faithfulness in the little things. Ultimately we are not the gauge of success but the LORD is, the One who will test our motives at the Judgement Seat. Then the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

*When the conflict here is ended,
And our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful,
Welcome home my child, well done.*

