

# Coach House Church BEACONS

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## CALL OF DUTY

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"One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement... It is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet." A quote from Donald Bubna, an author who wrote the book Encouraging People.

There are many verses in the Bible that talk about the word Duty.

If you've come to know Jesus as the boss of your life you will almost certainly remember where you were when you made the decision. and the joy that you experienced in knowing that your sins were forgiven? I remember my day of salvation, and the change that took place in my heart and life. It was like when I first started dating my wife, I couldn't see her enough, touch her enough, be with her enough.

The same is true when i became a Christian. I couldn't get enough teaching on the Bible, or spiritual things, but as time passed, that hunger and thirst began to grow smaller. After several years as a Christian, it seemed I had no desire to read the Bible as much, nor pray as much. This is when I realised that something had to replace the initial excitement that I experienced as a new believer.

I remember reading about a preacher preach on a passage from Ecclesiastes 12:13. The preacher repeatedly cried out, "When you read the Bible because God tells you to; even when you don't want to, then you are becoming a pretty good Christian. When you pray, when it doesn't make you tingle, but you pray because God tells you to pray; then you are becoming a pretty good Christian. Obligation, must drive us, not inspiration, for inspiration is a temporary state; but obligation is a

continual state. It is our duty, to obey God and keep His commandments. It is your duty!

To become a soul winner, we must make it a part of our duty and obligation to do. Many think they must wait for some sign, before they go and witness, but this is not right. When we receive Christ, we are commanded to go and witness for Him.

The great commission, given by Jesus was; "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." Mark 16:15.

There are a lot of things I do each day that I don't really want to do. First, I have to get out of bed, I'd rather stay in bed but it is my duty to get up and then go to work or more recently Church. I'm blessed that I want to go to work. So it is my daily duty to get up and go to work. Another daily duty I do each day is have a wash, I love a good bath, loads of bubbles, possibly even Netflix on the iPad. The problem with having a bath is you can't really do anything else, because I don't like to do just one thing at a time, and when you're in a bath, you can only bathe.

You can't write a book when you bathe, or build a building, or teach a class, you can only bathe, (and maybe sing). So why do I bathe? To keep clean and to smell good, I must daily have a wash. It is my duty to be clean each day.

Each day I drive to the office, I would rather stay at home, but my duty can't be done fully unless I go to the office and work. This is a daily duty of my life, therefore I do my duty each day. Often I must start my duty in studying and writing, before my feelings and desires catch up, and I feel and want to do them. This is a part of the work I have been called to do, so I daily, do my duty and work even when I don't feel like it. Someone once said; "Don't call in sick, crawl in sick." Referring to those who stay out of work for any little sickness. Now my mum was a stickler for this last rule when I was at school. To the point that I ended up with a 100% attendance record from the 5 years I spent at secondary school. Come hell or high-water, my mum was making sure I spent time learning.

If you have a job, do your job, If you are working for the Lord, keep working, nothing in this world can be allowed to get in the way of DUTY.

Romans 15:25 - 29; - Talks about the duty of giving.

The Bible has quite a lot to say about giving. If we are blessed with spiritual things, then we must do our duty and minister to others in physical and material things.

Far too often, many have been blessed by a person of God, preaching life giving truths to us, and we never so much as even say thank you. We should bless those who minister to us with spiritual gifts with material gifts.

An example of this happened to one of my preacher friends when he was ministering to a church. Him, like me likes to get his wear out of his clothes. I wear my trainers until they are completely worn out, (I try to get the most out of my clothing). Back to my friend, now one of his dress shirts was starting to get ragged, and on a special surprise birthday celebration that he was giving to a member of his church, the faithful of his Church after the service gave a gift of a new dress shirt and tie, and a new pair of dress shoe's. This Pastor was rewarded with material things for his ministry to these faithful members of spiritual things.

Now many of these people had been children, young men and women whom he had brought to the Lord whilst at this Church, and they were glad to give of material things because he had given them spiritual things. The interesting thing here is that Duty was carried out by ALL. Not just the people who had a Title or job description. But by ALL. Children, men and women. What is very important is those of us who are given a title, whether that be leader, elder, trustee have more of a responsibility to do both our Duty and our spiritual duty too . To work especially hard to fulfil God's work and to be role models of how to carry out our calling.

How often we forget to give back to those who have blessed and helped us. We should also give of our money, to the true work of God. It is our DUTY to obey God, in this. So let us begin to do our DUTY, in giving. Every child of God is called a servant of the Lord, and every Christian has a duty of service in God's work. God has something for each of us to do. Not everyone is called to be a minister, Evangelist, Pastor, or teacher, but everyone is called to do something.

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You may be called to be a Deacon of a local Church, if you are then do your duty to be the best that you can .If you are an usher in your Church, then ush. Do your duty of service to the work of God. Maybe you are a Sunday School teacher, if so then it is your duty to be the best that you can. If you run the Nursery at your Church then it is your duty to do your best. Everyone has a duty to do it, it is up to you to find what that is for you personally.

If you don't know your calling, then start right now asking and seeking God right now. Ask Him to show you what His will is for you life. Duty is only a small four letter word, but it carries great weight in our service to God Almighty, and His great work. If we are to ever be in God's perfect will in our lives here on earth, we must set our heart and mind to do our DUTY. What ever that duty maybe.



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