



Do Your Best

"Awww, that's good enough."

Do you ever say that? Maybe you want to get your homework done quickly so you can have fun.

Or maybe you want to rush through cleaning your room.

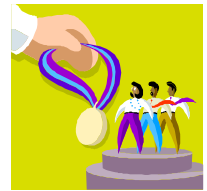
Sometimes we just want to get something **DONE** so we can go on to something else.

Now think about athletes at the Olympics. They got there because they worked hard. They put in long hours of practice, day after day, week after week, year after year. They may have been tempted to take a shortcut here and there, or to hang out with friends instead of practicing. But if they're going to win the gold medal, they must do their best – in practice and in competition. They win their races because they don't short-change the practice.

Did you know that the little things you do are like that? If you do your best at each little step of the way, you'll likely have some wonderful rewards:

Doing your best produces...

- ❖ A great feeling of achievement.
 - ❖ Mastery over new tasks.
- ❖ Confidence for doing other things.
 - ❖ Wonderful results.



It also means...

- ❖ Giving up something else – like idle chatter, or too much TV.
 - ❖ Working harder and smarter.
- ❖ Taking a little extra time rather than rushing.

Here's a secret to doing your best:

Enjoy what you're doing.

Whether it's just sweeping the floor or taking out the garbage.

Make it fun and interesting. Be creative!



Why should we do our best? **Because God made us in His image, and He always does His best.** God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ, and He put His life on the line for you and me. He made a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

We are able to go to heaven because **Jesus didn't cut corners!** He doesn't want us to either. Whether we're doing something little or big. **He's there to help us to do our best always.** You'll soon find that you love doing your best!

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed..." – 2 Timothy 2:15