

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

I'll Try

These common words may come from a student about to enter a new school, take new subjects, begin training for a new sport or position on a team... Or perhaps from an adult facing a new job, a new machine to operate, a new group of people to manage - - or maybe a new baby needing care, or a retiree that commits to produce a weekly TV show, all new unexpected challenges.

New experiences never cease to come our way. An event handled or a challenge achieved seems like a conveyer belt, turning us immediately, it seems, to a new beginning. With concern more than confidence, we sigh, "Ill try."

"I'll try" folks are ones God looks for and lifts up. They are the folks who humble themselves to serve one another so His grace and mighty hand can exalt them in due time. (I Peter 5:5). To those facing an "**I'll try**" situation, Jesus surely gave both sides of the struggle when He said, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41) Then the apostles and Jesus demonstrated the two responses people can give. The apostles fled from the struggle into the shadows (Matt. 26:56). They were unprepared to try this new experience. Christ, by contrast, was both ready to try and to die! Thank God for His unspeakable gift! Would you like to be like Him? We can, if we will seek and find in almighty God the providential help sufficient for the challenge (note II Cor. 2:14)