

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

I'll Try (Part 2)

Last week we begin our discussion on how God looks for "I'll Try" folks. The Basic principle has been around for centuries. In the earliest age, Enoch walked with God, was pleasing to God, and God took him (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5). What pleases God is evident in David's words to his son Solomon: "Know the God of your father and serve Him with a whole heart and willing mind ("I'll try"); for the lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him, but if you forsake Him ("**unwilling to try**"), He will reject you forever". (I Chron. 28:9: Acts 17:24-27). A few centuries later, through Isaiah, came the promise, "If you are willing and obedient ("I'll try"), you shall eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19). Centuries later the Macedonians under Christ, who were willing to give themselves ("I'll try"), so received God's grace that they could give beyond themselves. (2 Cor. 8:1-3; 9:8-10).

Truly, if the readiness is there ("I'll try"), it is acceptable to God (see 2 Cor. 8:12).

Likely each one of us will soon face a challenge to try. The sobering question will at that moment loom before us, "Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?" (I Chron. 29:5). **Let us answer, "I'll try!"**