



Everyone Can Work For The Lord

I have been all things unholy.  
If God can work through me,  
he can work through anyone.

Francis of Assisi

quote fancy

I like crisps. Barely a day goes by when I won't, at some point, consume crisps. I shouldn't eat so many, but there is something [perhaps the salt!] that just makes them quite hard to say no to. And it doesn't get any easier with chips! I should cut down, but I'm just not ready to ... I will have to motivate myself over this one. For you, it may be chocolate or coffee ... at the end of the day, so long as it doesn't do us harm, then it should be okay, shouldn't it?

However, there are other things in our lives that perhaps we should cut back on ... selfishness, greed, a lack of patience, hypocrisy. Whatever our own shortcomings, this is what the scripture is teaching us this week. If there is something that stops us from being the best person we can be then we should get rid of it from our lives. If it stops us from being close to God and doing His work, being His true representatives on earth, then it needs to go. Only then can we truly work for the Lord. And anyone can do this ... you just need the will power, strength and motivation to do so ... and that's what I pray for!

[Mr Doust]

## Prayer:

Lord, you have called me to work for you – you have shown me love and you told us to love our neighbours.

Give me the courage to minister to a friend in need with love. Give me the wisdom to approach them in a way that I will get their attention.

I pray also that you provide for me to help their needs too. Let your name alone be glorified.  
Amen.

## Scripture:

Then John said, “Teacher, we saw a man using your name to force demons out of a person. We told him to stop, because he does not belong to our group.”

Jesus said, “Don’t stop him. Anyone who uses my name to do powerful things will not say evil things about me. He who is not against us is with us. I tell you the truth. If anyone helps you by giving you a drink of water because you belong to the Christ, then he will truly get his reward.

“If one of these little children believes in me, and someone causes that child to sin, then it will be very bad for him. It would be better for him to have a large stone tied around his neck and be drowned in the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to lose part of your body but have life forever. That is much better than to have two hands and go to hell. In that place the fire never goes out. If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to lose part of your body but have life forever. That is much better than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. If your eye causes you to sin, take it out. It is better for you to have only one eye but have life forever. That is much better than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell.

