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Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

I Don't Do That!

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As we
have
therefore
opportunity,
let us do
good unto
all men.

Galatians 6:10

A student was assigned a responsibility from his teacher, and the student did not feel the placement exactly suited his abilities.

He was overheard complaining about it to another student, and then the other student said, "You know, the world's a better place because Michelangelo did not say, 'I don't do ceilings.' "

Her comment stopped me dead in my tracks. I had to admit she was right. If you and I are going to be faithful to the ministry God is calling us to, then we had better understand that.

I reflected on the attitudes of key people throughout the Scriptures and the history of the church.

The world's a better place because a German monk named Martin Luther did not say, "I don't do doors."

The world's a better place because an Oxford don named John Wesley didn't say, "I don't do preaching in fields."

The world's a better place because Moses didn't say, "I don't do Pharaohs or mass migrations."

The world's a better place because Noah didn't say, "I don't do arks and animals."

The world's a better place because Rahab didn't say, "I don't do enemy spies."

The world's a better place because Ruth didn't say, "I don't do mothers-in-law."

The world's a better place because Samuel didn't say, "I don't do mornings."

The world's a better place because David didn't say, "I don't do giants."

The world's a better place because Peter didn't say, "I don't do Gentiles."

The world's a better place because John didn't say, "I don't do deserts."

The world's a better place because Mary didn't say, "I don't do virgin births."

The world's a better place because Paul didn't say, "I don't do correspondence."

The world's a better place because Mary Magdalene didn't say, "I don't do feet."

The world's a better place because Jesus didn't say, "I don't do crosses."

And the world will be a better place only if you and I don't say, "I don't do ..."

-- Leonard Sweet, Dayton, Ohio.

Ever thought about this?

At least 10 countries have the nuclear ability to destroy the world.

Only about a third of the world's population eats with a knife and fork.

A person is capable of making more than 1000 different facial expressions.

The Pacific Ocean holds about 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 gallons of water.