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Introduction –

1. “where there's a will, there's a way”
2. An oft used expression that suggest that if we are really determined to do something, we will find a way to overcome any obstacle to do it.

Discussion

I. Some who had this mindset

A. Old Testament Examples

1. Jacob – Gen. 45:28; 46:1,29-30
2. Joshua & Caleb – Num. 13:30; 14:23-24; 26:64-65
3. Nehemiah and the wall builders – Neh. 2:17-18; 4&6
4. Daniel – Dan. 1:18-20

B. New Testament Examples

1. Those who brought one sick of the palsy to Jesus – Mk. 2:1-5; 11-12
2. The persistent widow – Lk. 18:1-8
3. Zacchaeus – Lk. 19:1-10
4. The Disciples at Antioch – Acts 11:27-30

II. Some Area in which we need this mindset

A. Assembling ourselves together

1. Heb. 10:25
2. Paul is a good example – Acts 20:6-7
3. Ps. 122:1 – “I was glad ...” – our attitude
4. It's not always easy to be here

B. Laying by in store on the first day of the week

1. 1 Cor. 16:1-2
2. As we purpose in our heart -- 2 Cor. 9:6-7
3. With a willing heart – The collection for the tabernacle (Ex. 35:5,21,22,29)

C. Knowing the truth

1. Jn. 8:32
2. If I really want to know, I will find a way to learn
3. Those in Berea were determined – Acts 17:11
4. Acts 13:42,44,48 – desired to hear the truth
5. Study – 2 Tim. 2:15

D. Sharing the gospel

1. Mk. 16:15-16
2. Paul – (1 Thess. 2:8,9; Ac. 13:45,50-51; 14:5; 1 Cor. 9:17-27; 1 Cor. 2:2)
3. Andrew went and got his brother Peter – Jn. 1:41-42

E. Helping needy saints

1. 2 Cor. 8:1-3 – great trial of affliction – gave of poverty
2. Acts 2:42-45 – sold their possessions
3. Rom. 12:13

F. Practicing hospitality

1. Rom. 12:13; 1 Pt. 4:9
2. Abraham and Sarah – Gen. 18:1-15
3. The woman of Shunem – 2 Ki. 4:8-11
4. Lydia – Acts 16:14-15

G. Obeying the gospel

1. 1 Tim. 2:4 – God will have all men to be saved
2. Matt. 11:28-30

H. Being Faithful

1. Joshua 24:15 – “As for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord”
2. Growing 2 Peter 3:17-18 ; 1:5-8
3. Enduring
 - a. Temptation 1 Cor. 10:13 ; Gen. 39:12; James. 4:7)
 - b. Enduring hardship – 2 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 12:1-5
4. Working – John 4:34; 1 Cor. 15:58
5. Unto death – Rev. 2:10

Conclusion

1. Matthew 6:21 – where your treasure is, there your heart will be also
 - a. If football and recreation – you will find a way to be there
 - b. If Christ and following after Him – you will find a way to do so
2. Heb. 10:10,19,20 – His will has made a way to go to heaven
3. Not an easy way – Matt. 7:13-14
4. Are you willing to be saved?
 - a. There is a way to do so – Rev. 22:17 – whosoever will