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### Learning to be Ordinary - posted by Gideons (), on: 2005/3/8 20:21

One of the things the Holy Spirit is tugging on in my heart these days is this desire to be "somebody." It's part of the culture but not evident in any of the men or women who gave themselves wholly to God.

Pastor David (Wilkerson) referenced this sermon in his latest message and of course I had to listen to it and it's on SI as well. Here is a link: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=4126>.

May we be nobody other than servants of Jesus. That's my hope and prayer for myself as well as the brethren here on SI. May that be our only purpose.

### Re: Learning to be Ordinary - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/8 21:29

Ed,

I Have learned much about this from Oswald Chambers. Actually much of what I have learned in the past few years has come from his "MY Utmost For His Highest". I cannot believe that reading it year after year has had such an effect on the renewing of my mind. Even when I don't remember it was something he said, the point is already taken to heart and I just "know" it.

Here are a couple of passages that stick with me:

But it **does** require the supernatural grace of God to live twenty-four hours of every day as a saint, going through drudgery, and living an ordinary, unnoticed, and ignored existence as a disciple of Jesus. It is ingrained in us that we have to do exceptional things for God—but we do not. We have to be exceptional in the **ordinary** things of life, and holy on the ordinary streets, among ordinary people—and this is not learned in five minutes.

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The true test of a person's spiritual life and character is not what he does in the extraordinary moments of life, but what he does during the ordinary times when there is nothing tremendous or exciting happening. A person's worth is revealed in his attitude toward the ordinary things of life when he is not under the spotlight.

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The things Jesus did were the most menial of everyday tasks, and this is an indication that it takes all of God's power in me to accomplish even the most common tasks in His way. Can I use a towel as He did? Towels, dishes, sandals, and all the other ordinary things in our lives reveal what we are made of more quickly than anything else. It takes God Almighty Incarnate in us to do the most menial duty as it ought to be done.

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In His love, Chanin