

LESSON *from* A STAMP

Will Work in Any Position.

1SA. 6:8; ROM. 12:3; COR. 13:4.

It Makes No Noise.

1 PET. 5:5-6; EX. 15:24; 16:2.

Ragged Edge Doesn't Prevent Service.

2 COR. 10:10.

Three Ones Equal to One Three.

2 COR. 8: 13-14.



Usefulness Doesn't Depend on Size.

2 COR. 8:12.

Ask No Questions When Placed in Service

HEB. 5:9.

Works Well When Licked

1 COR. 15:58.

Sticks to One Thing Till Through.

1 COR. 7:37; HEB. 3:14.

LESSON FROM A POSTAGE STAMP

INTRO: Jesus used many simple things to teach people. I want to use a simple thing to teach a great lesson. We see stamps almost every day. So, let us learn a few lessons from a stamp.

I. WILL WORK IN ANY POSITION

- A. A stamp will work in any position and any place on the envelope.
- B. Christians should serve wherever their lot may be. Isa. 6:8; Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 13:4. Some just will not work unless allowed to work where they want to. Take a lesson from the postage stamp.

II. MAKES NO NOISE BUT GETS THERE JUST THE SAME

The stamp is silent, but gets the work done.

- A. We should be humble. 1 Pet. 5:5-6.
- B. We should never murmur. Ex. 15:24; 16:2.
- C. We should think three times before we speak.
 - 1. Is it right?
 - 2. Is it the proper time to say it?
 - 3. Will I say it in the right spirit?
- D. We should speak kindly to our friends and love ones.

III. RAGGED EDGE DOES NOT PREVENT SERVICE

A ragged edge does not keep the stamp from doing its work. Physical defects should not deter us. We should use the abilities we have. 2 Cor. 10:10. Paul did not let this hinder him but used the talent he had.

IV. CAN WORK TOGETHER TO GET THE JOB DONE

- A. Union and cooperation must be maintained. 2 Cor. 8:13-14; 1 Tim. 4:12.
- B. For the stamp, two 18-cent stamps are equal to one 36-cent stamp. (Or what ever your stamp is at the present time.)
- C. Two of less talent can do what can be done by one with more talent. We should all work together.
- D. This is a lesson of unity and cooperation. 2 Cor. 8:13-14.

V. WORKS WELL WHEN LICKED. 1 COR. 15:58

VI. ASKS NO QUESTIONS WHEN PLACED IN SERVICE

- A. We should go on and do our job. Heb. 5:9.
- B. You may not understand why, but you must obey.

VII. STICKS TO ONE THING TILL IT GETS THERE

VIII. USEFULNESS DOES NOT DEPEND ON SIZE

A stamp is small, but gets the job done. We do not have to be big, brilliant, or wealthy to be useful. 2 Cor. 8:12. Notice: 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 3:14.

CONCL: Lets all try to be more like the stamp. Think of all we could do if each would do his part. Which are you, an 18-cent stamp or a 36-cent stamp? How much are you worth to the Lord?