# Do What You Can

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In my study I came across this information. In his book, **Standing Tall,** Steve Farrar related the story of a veteran who experienced an extraordinary event while serving as an aviator in World War II. During one mission, his B-17 was hit by Nazi anti-aircraft flack. The gas tank was pierced, but amazingly, it did not explode. The crew finished the flight and returned safely to the base. The next morning, the crew chief went to the mechanics and asked for a souvenir of this incredible *"luck."* He was told that the fuel tanks had been hit not by just one shell, but eleven! Eleven shells had hit his plane, and not one had exploded. When examined, most of the shells were found to be clean on the inside, as if someone had forgotten to pack them with explosives. Then, inside one shell they discovered a note written in Czech. When they found someone on the base who could read the language, they learned that the scribbled note said, ***"This is all we can do for you now."*** We can only imagine the terrible conditions in which the writers of the note worked. We do know one fact about those people. They did what they could, reminding us that the great issue in life is not circumstances, it is our loyalty to God in whatever circumstances we face.

In the Book of **Judges**, God sent deliverers to His people when they finally cried out to Him after suffering from the consequences of their sinful choices. Over and over the children of Israel reverted back to idolatry and sin after their immediate crisis was over. Over and over God was merciful and sent deliverers. Their problem was that of the heart. Israel still had a heart for idolatry and the circumstances, good or bad, didn't change what really needed changing. We need to be committed to God no matter how much external circumstances fluctuate. Do what you can for the Lord however small it may seem to you, now. It may save a life eternally, some stranger you've never met, or maybe your own.

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