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I Got A Glory

An acquaintance of mine forwarded the following story about finding a 'glory' in life. Archibald Rutledge eloquently told this story in his book published in 1938 entitled: *It Will Be Daybreak Soon*. Rutledge was a gifted storyteller and writer from South Carolina and was the South Carolina Poet Laureate for many years.

On a day memorable to me, I boarded a tiny tugboat that I used often in crossing a southern river and saw that we had a new engineer. He sat in the doorway of the engine room reading the Bible; he was fat and squat, but immaculate, and his eyes was the splendor of ancient wisdom and peace with the world. As I pause to talk with him I noticed that the characteristic odors that had always emanated from the engine room were no longer there. And the engine! It gleamed and shone; from beneath its seat all the bilge water was gone. Instead of grim and filth and stench I found beauty and order. When I asked the engineer how in the world he had managed to clean up the old room and the old engine, he answered in words that would go far toward solving life's main problems for many people.



I Give Thanks (C.A. Acapella Voices)

Quote of the Week

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

~ Colossians 3:23 ~

"Cap'n," he said, nodding fondly in the direction of the engine, "it's just this way: I got a glory."

Making that engine the best on the river was his glory in life, and having a glory he had everything. The only sure way out of suffering that I know is to find a glory, and to give it the strength we might otherwise spend in despair.

I think that this story has a number of different lessons in it. One such lesson that stands out to me is that whatever we do we should do it to the best of our God-given abilities. And when we do that, it should always be to glorify God.

In I Peter 4:11 (New Living Translation) it says, "Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

When you have a job to do, when you have a task before you, no matter how small or how large, do it well. And do it to the One that has given you the ability to do it - God. Give thanks and glory to Him.

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