Ordinary Work Unto the Lord

Leviticus 24:1-9

Read verses I-9

Big Idea: The lamps must be kept <u>burning</u> and the bread must be <u>fresh</u>.

1.) Two Commands

A.) Bring pure <u>olive oil</u> so that the lamp may be kept burning.

B.) Bake <u>twelve</u> loaves of bread as a statute forever.

2.) The Meaning

A.) The Picture- The lamp stand and the bread symbolized the <u>covenant</u> <u>commitment</u> between the Lord and Israel.

"...being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant." (v. 8)

B.) The Purpose- To ensure faithfulness in ordinary tasks

3.) The Application- The importance of faithfulness in the ordinary and mundane routines of life

A.) The First Thirty Years Jesus' Life

"5I Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them..." (Luke 2:51)

"...This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

"**29** If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you;..." (Matt. 5)

B.<u>) Radical</u> faith, strengthened through the ordinary means of grace, throughout the ordinary life of a believer, is more <u>pleasing</u> to God than a thousand zealots without knowledge.

C.) The Testimony of the Apostles

1 Corinthians 7:17, 24 "**17** But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk...24, "**24** Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called."

Ephesians 4:1-3

Philippians 1:27, "**27...** that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"

Colossians 3:23, "**23** And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,"

I Thessalonians 4:II-I2

James 4:17