

Little is Much

Luke 16:10

“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much;”

As members of the body of Jesus Christ on earth we are sent out to live the divine life and love in the world. We may have our own ideas about how that should be. So looking for where that love of God is manifested in us, sometimes we come to the conclusion that we can't see the life of God in our lives. But the fruit of the Spirit may be manifested in ways we don't even notice or recognize, or in activities we don't rate as important. Jesus' statement in Luke 16:10 surely is a pointer to the fact that his love may be revealed in small ways, in the little things that make up our daily lives.

I was reminded of it as we were about to go out one day when a north wind had turned the summer to Sub-Arctic. My husband, who feels the cold, was only wearing a light sweater. He anticipated my question: "I've got Mrs. Watson's Woolly Wonder on underneath," he said. So I knew he'd be warm enough. And no, before you ask, we don't give all our clothes names - just this one.

Mrs. Watson was an elderly ailing church member, a loveable but slightly eccentric English lady, who used to come to church in winter wearing hand-knitted knee-length coloured woollen socks. She would walk through the fields collecting the little bundles of wool the sheep left behind when they brushed up against a barbed wire fence. She'd card them, spin them on her own wheel, and hand-dye and knit the rustic skeins into garments. Finding out that my husband felt the cold she made him an undyed sleeveless jumper. It was a time-consuming act of kindness and care that has outlasted her, and as you can see by the name we gave it, it does the job very well!

Such small acts of kindness to others are not overlooked in scripture. Guided by the Spirit, Luke embedded into the history of the spread of the gospel the story of Dorcas the seamstress ([Acts 9:36-41](#)). She didn't preach to thousands - she made garments for the widows around her and she helped the poor.

When she died Peter was called away from what he was doing, and through him she was restored back to life. Not many people have been resurrected and, apart from Jesus, of those few only two have been named: Lazarus - and Dorcas.