

# IT IS NOT ENOUGH

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## Introduction:

It is very common nowadays to hear expressions that indicate people think it sufficient if they have one good quality or ability. People are content with mediocrity in their various fields. "It is enough," they say, "for me to mind my business and treat my neighbors right. It is enough to be a good citizen: I'll get to heaven that way." But IT IS NOT ENOUGH!

God's Word teaches this!

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**1. To be old like Methuselah.** All we know of this man was that he was the oldest man of whom we have record. There is nothing stated as to his godliness or other attributes. Old age is wonderful in many respects. But the ability to grow old is not enough for salvation. The Bible says, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Prov. 16:31). So it is not enough to be old. The life of the old man must be a life of righteousness if it is to be a "crown of glory."

**2. To be strong like Samson.** Truly, he was a strong man! Yet, in his life we see many frailties. Physical strength may mean that one was born with and has developed a good body. But it means nothing so far as the soul is concerned. We can lose our souls in hell letting our bodies be our god (Rom. 16:18; Phil 3:19). Real strength is found in the grace of God (2 Cor. 12:9-10).

**3. To be rich like Solomon.** Neither riches nor poverty signify godliness. Being rich is not enough for salvation. One can "gain the whole world and lose his own soul" (Matt. 16:26). "The love of money" will verily damn one to torment (1 Tim. 6:9-10).

**4. To be handsome like Eliab.** "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on his stature; because I have refused him; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

**5. To be zealous like Saul.** Saul exceeded "my own equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the tradition of my fathers" (Gal. 1:13-14). Yet zeal alone is not sufficient. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge (Rom. 10:1-2). We must be zealous, but that zeal must be according to the truth.

**6. To be eloquent like Apollos.** He was an "eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures." Yet he knew "only the baptism of John (Acts 19:24-25). Eloquence is fine, but it will not insure salvation.

**7. To be good morally like Cornelius.** He was a "devout man, and one that feared God . . . which gave much alms . . . and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2). But he was lost Acts 11: 14).

**Conclusion:**

All these attributes might be worthwhile. But salvation depends upon our obedience to the truth of God's Word (Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Lk. 13:3, 5). Will you obey it?