

Everyday Christians

Acts 9:32-43

Acts: The Real Church

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I. Individuals matter to God (v.32-35).

1. God knows **our name** (v.33) Aeneas means "Praise".
2. God knows **our situation** (v.33).
3. We minister to **individuals** (v.34).
4. Ministry to individuals opens up ministry **to others** (v.35)

II. Individual servants matter to God **and man** (9:36-43) –Everyday Christians are indispensable.

1. Christians live up to **their name** (v.36). Tabitha - "gazelle"
 - a. **Christian** is supposed to mean something.
 - b. We are to be known by our **love** Jn 13:35
2. Christians don't just say; **they do** (v.36)
 - a. Doing good is a **good thing**.
 - b. Doing good is an **everyday thing**.
 - i. She served **habitually**. (v.36)
 - ii. She served **abundantly**. (v.36)
 - iii. She served **usefully**. (v.36)
 - iv. She served **humbly** and to the humble. (v.39).
 - v. She served according to her **ability**. (v.39).
3. When Christians are absent people ought **to feel it**. (v.40-43).
 - a. She was **loved** (v.39).
 - b. She was **needed** (v.39).
 - c. She was **instrumental** in the salvation of many (v.41-42).

Think about it:

- God knows your **name**.
- God **sees** what you do.
- Everyday service to God **matters**.
- Personal work is important work and it **opens doors**.
- We are not supposed to *only* be church consumers. We are saved to serve God and serving God is **visible** by serving people.