

WHY FIRE TRUCKS ARE RED??

So you have been wondering why fire trucks are red? Well, fire trucks have 4 wheels and eight men. Four and eight are twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler And “Queen Elizabeth” is the largest ship on the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin’. Therefore, fire trucks are always red!!! (Now, some of them have changed)

But, this still sounds similar to the line you get when you ask a negligent Christian why he hasn’t been to services.

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BAPTISM THAT SAVES

Many people have denied that Bible baptism has anything to do with justification or salvation because it is considered a work of human merit. However, baptism is not a work of human merit. It may be observed, in the first place, that the person being baptized (immersed) is mainly passive in the act and actually does little or no work. Baptism in reality is an act of faith. One is baptized because he believes that Jesus is truly the Son of God. And he realizes that baptism is a divine command given by God’s Son to which he must respond in order to express his faith. Baptism, therefore, is the proper and required expression of our faith which results in our being put into Christ. (Gal. 3:26-27) When we are baptized into Him, we are justified or saved by faith because our faith has moved us to be baptized. But, until we submit ourselves to be baptized, our faith is not such that will justify, because we have not completed our obedience to Him who is our savior. (Heb. 5:8-9) CAB

USE IT OR LOSE IT !

You have heard or used the statement above many times, and you know it to be a true axiom in various aspects of our life.

Matthew 25:29 (NKJV) *“For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”*

The above passage is found in the Parable of the Talents. This parable teaches many truly valuable lessons. The above verse has what I believe is a vital lesson for Christians. If we do not use the abilities God has given us, we are in danger of losing them.

In almost every realm of our day-to-day activities this principle

is true and accurate. In former years many of us may have been talented in athletic contests. However, physical conditioning necessary to remain strong and competitive requires diligent use of our mental and physical faculties. Our coordination and reflex reaction may be lost, and it does not take long to lose it. The same principle applies to speaking in a learned foreign language or playing some musical instrument. IF WE DO NOT USE IT, WE WILL LOSE IT !

All of us have some degree of native ability which the heavenly Father has given us as is evidenced by the Parable of Talents. He expects us to use our abilities and gain even more ability. God expects us to do the very best we can do, He expects no more than that, and He demands no less than that. A punishment will be losing what we have.

In the Lord's church there are many Christians who are rich in ability and opportunity, but who fail to utilize such and thus diminish their effectiveness as servants of the Master. In judgment the abuse and misuse of talent will be brought to the light. REMEMBER, THE PENALTY FOR NOT USING WHAT WE HAVE IS LOSING WHAT WE HAVE. CAB