

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 15th March 2024

I am grateful to Ruth Grover for sending in this.

“What have ye done?...This fatal question has disturbed the quiet of many other minds. He that in the latter part of his life too strictly inquires what he has done, can very seldom receive from his own heart such an account as will give him satisfaction.

...Every man is obliged by the Supreme Master of the universe to improve all the opportunities of good which are afforded him, and to keep in continual activity such abilities as are bestowed upon him. But he has no reason to repine, though his abilities are small and his opportunities few. He that has improved the virtue, or advanced the happiness of one fellow-creature, he that has ascertained a single moral proposition, or added one useful experiment to natural knowledge, may be contented with his own performance, and, with respect to mortals like himself, may demand, like Augustus, to be dismissed at his departure with applause.”

- By Samuel Johnson, The Idler, No.88. December 22nd 1759

Its a good thought in these times when we are being bombarded on social media with the idea that everyone can achieve great things. Looking for satisfaction in oneself, especially when comparing to others, can be difficult sometimes. Sometimes it's the smallest things that make a difference.

BIBLE VERSE:

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

- Luke 16:10