

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Signing Out!

Recently, I came across a video of a retiring police officer in Hudson, Wisconsin, who was signing out after his last shift. Officer Ed Rankin was sitting in his police cruiser and concluded his final "sign out" before hitting the golf course. I hope you'll take the time to watch this.

[Officer Rankin's Final Sign Out](#)

In today's politically-explosive environment, police officers of all types have been maligned and castigated for just being a servant of the community. These brave men and women selflessly serve communities all over the country – keeping watch while we sleep – and provide a necessary level of protection against all types of evil.

These faithful community servants deserve our thanks and much more for putting their lives on the line every time they report for duty. Too many times, we see reports on the news of senseless and cowardly assassinations of a police officer who is simply doing his job. It was heart-warming to watch this video of Officer Rankin signing out after 36 years of service. I salute Officer Rankin.

Christians often serve in an unfriendly environment, but we do not reach a point where we can "sign out" after our "final watch." Over the years, I have occasionally encountered a faithful Christian who has reached a point in his/her life that they feel that it's time to "sign out" and let the younger folks take care of the church work. I've never quite understood this irrational thinking. Our time of "signing out" only comes at the end of our life.

I've been inspired by countless stories of "seasoned" Christians who have put their talents and abilities to good use up until the time of their natural death. There is always some work that can be done even when the physical body doesn't get around like it used to. We all have different skills, talents, and abilities. But make no mistake there is a way for everyone to be involved with the Lord's work. Being helpful is a choice we all make or don't make. We should never allow age to be a barometer or indicator of when it is time to "sign out." God is the only one who can sign us out of our Christian duties.

Look around; you can always find something to do in Christian service to the church and to God.

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland