

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Epsa Wells

There was a wonderful Christian woman who lived in Poly, TX, back in the early part of the last century. She went to the Polytechnic Church of Christ. This woman was a planter - she kept planting seeds into the heart of a young man that he should preach. He began to study the Bible and talk to some of his friends where he worked about Bible truths. Finally, he agreed to preach one sermon at his home congregation and if he failed, then he would know that preaching was not for him. The young man's name was **Andrew Connally**. As you can guess, that was the beginning and he never looked back. The woman's name who helped prepare a preaching legend was **Epsa Wells**.

Epsa always encouraged young men to preach the word and she would often take them to Gospel meetings anywhere in the Fort Worth area. One summer, she took several young men to Maine where they conducted Vacation Bible Schools and Gospel meetings.

More than 40 preachers of the Gospel came out of the Polytechnic church, and most of them were strongly influenced by Epsa Wells. She moved to Abilene late in her life where her brother was superintendent in the school system.

Epsa Wells never married. She had polio as a child, was less than 5 feet tall and had a hump on her back. She decided to serve God within her circumstances and did so beautifully.

So much for the excuse that *"I can't do anything . . . I'm too sickly or too small or too _____ (you fill in the blank)"*. Epsa Wells had many potential excuses, but she simply *did it!* That's really the only thing needed – the right attitude. *Just Do It* is **Nike's** logo, but we should adopt it also.

There are many fine young men among us. Will one of them be the next Andrew Connally? Is there an Epsa Wells among us here? Not everyone can be a preacher, a teacher, an elder or a deacon, but encouraging words uttered to a receptive heart can lead to thousands of souls being saved. Any one of us can be an Epsa Wells.

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