

Best intentions

A week ago, I wrote last week's Monday Motivation, edited it, prepared it for upload, and (I thought) uploaded it.

A few days later, I checked it – it was nowhere to be seen. I hadn't uploaded the file.

So much for "best intentions."

The truth is that "best intentions," as they're generally called, will only get you so far. God may look at your heart and your thoughts on judgment day, it is supposed, but the rest of us have to settle for your works.

And that's where works win out – in this life at least – "best intentions" only go so far. We are judged on what we actually turn out.

You may know that you've got what it takes to do something – you may know you can write that book, do that screenplay, win that baseball game – but until you actually get busy and do it, it's all for naught.

In other words, what you deliver matters more than what you promise to deliver.

It's perhaps unfair that this should be – there are a lot of people who deliver a result, but do so in an inadequate way. Given the proper amount of time, many of us could deliver a much better result – if we ever get around to it.

That's the bane of many of our lives – we need to remember that adulthood is when you finally realize that if you want something done, you're going to have to be the one to make it happen – and get the praise or the punishment for the result.

Life is a series of tests, and one of the most major tests is how you deliver on what you can do. Let's hope all of us (me included) remember that even the "best of intentions" doesn't do as well as the "least of results."

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