

Lent Day 15

Friday March 17, 2017

Reading: [Romans 6:15-23](#)

Reflection

Arnold Schwarzenegger was a movie hero of mine growing up. But as I've gotten older I've become more and more impressed with the man himself. He has used the same gumption that shaped his body to build a movie career, improve his speech, get into politics and pursue business. It's amazing to me the way he has used the same drive and attitude to succeed at so much in life.

This is Paul's main point here too. Once upon a time you lived under the power of Sin and you were energetic participants in that life. This doesn't mean we committed our first murder at the age of eight, but means we all engaged in a vibrant sin life. Now, says Paul take that same gumption you had for a life of sin, no matter how spectacular or bland it was, and use it for the kingdom of God.

Lent is a long journey. It takes gumption to walk this road and keep seeking after God for renewal. But we have gumption in spades, the temptation is to leave it as part of our old life. Instead of that, hold on to it and redirect it. Pursue holiness now the same way you pursued unholiness then. Be like Arnold applying your best to this part of your life.

Prayer

Lord, give us the gumption to give all we have to living for you. Amen.