

## Let's Consider . . .



### Are You A Gimper?

You won't find one in the dictionary, but you may find a gimper at work, at church, at school, or on your favorite sports team or - - just about anywhere, but you will have to look hard for them though, because they seem to be rare today. A chaplain speaking at a seminary graduation encouraged students to be a "gimper" for God.

Dr, M. R. DeHaan referred to a gimper as "one who aspires to excel, to be different. A gimper is committed to the core – thoroughly and unequivocally." (Charles Swindoll, Devotions For Growing Strong In The Seasons Of Live, p47) Therefore a gimper is someone who is single mindedly committed, one who is determined to achieve excellence.

Charles Swindoll gives us a comparison of the ordinary man vs. a gimper Christian.

<i>Average Christian</i>	<i>Gimper Christian</i>
Will go the mile when asked	Will go two miles
Loves their friends and hates their enemies	Loves enemies and prays for those who persecutes him
Prays	Prays without ceasing
Gives thanks	Gives thanks in everything
Refrains from evil	Refrains from every form of evil

A gimper is one who goes beyond what the normal person does.

- "And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" Matthew 5:47
- We are instructed to excel. "But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7
- "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- "Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more." 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 10

When ordinary people begin to lead extraordinary lives for God they become gimper Christians.

Paul was a gimper – steadfast, immovable, always abounding

In Dictionary.com we find the following definitions:

**Steadfast –**

- Fixed in direction; steadily directed
- Firm in purpose, resolution, faith, attachment
- Unwavering, as resolution, faith, adherence
- Firmly established, as an institution or state of affairs
- Firmly fixed in place or position.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/steadfast>

**Immovable –**

- Incapable of being moved; fixed, stationary
- Incapable of being influenced by feeling
- Incapable of being moved from one's purpose
- Not subject to change
- Not moving

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/immovable>

**Abound –**

- To be in great number or amount
- To be fully supplied or filled

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/abounding>

We should never settle for just getting by.

Be a gimper today!

Do you know someone who is a gimper?

What is it about them that makes them a gimper?

Do you consider yourself to be a gimper? If not why not?

In what ways do you want to stand out?

What can you change to become a gimper?

Can you imagine what can happen when  
Ordinary people decide to live  
Extraordinary lives for God?