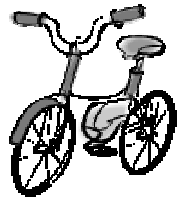


# Sunday School Times

## Have we done our best?



Dad called Jim from work and said, "Hey Jim, you know your brother's birthday is coming up. I left money on my dresser take that money and buy a bike your brother is getting old enough for a bike of his own". Jim went and got the money, but came up with an idea of his own, he would go to the junk yard and buy the parts for the bike put it together and then use the rest of the money for that new baseball glove he wanted. So Jim bought some old rusted parts painted them and put the bike together. Some of the parts were very damaged but you really could not see the rust after he put the paint on. Jim took the rest of the money that he saved from buying the cheap parts and bought his new glove.



The morning of his brother's party Jim's Dad took him aside and said, "Son are you happy with the bike?" Yes sir, I think it will be a good bike Jim said. His Dad smiled and said, "That's great because I thought we would give your brother your bike and you take this new one."

Jim found out that giving less than his best hurt **him**, not his brother. The children of Israel will soon find this out in the book of Malachi. Thru the book of Nehemiah and now into the book of Malachi we have seen God's love and care for his people. He gave them so many opportunities to worship, seek and serve him to repent and be sorry for their sin. But now in the book of Malachi we find them still not truly repenting and turning to God. God will soon let them see how life will be without all the help, protection and care he has given them.

## Memory Verse:

- Philippians 2:21 – For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

## Finish making the bike

