

A Lifetime Too Short

During an interview, the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski said, “It is not from choice that my life is music and nothing more, but when one is an artist, what else can he be? When a whole lifetime is too short to attain the heights he wants to reach, how then can he devote any of the little time he has to things outside of his art?”

The interviewer then inquired, “And you have not yet attained the heights you seek?”

“I am nothing!” replied the artist, shaking his head. “If you could know the dream of what I would like to be, you would realize how little I have accomplished.”

Paderewski’s words speak to me, and to you, about the goals and attitude that we should have. For example:

- We are all unique. God has equipped each of us with certain abilities to accomplish what He created us to do.
- We should never be satisfied as we seek to sharpen those skills – to become better every day at what we do.
- Life is short, indeed, and our dreams should be big, understanding that there is little time to accomplish all that we would like to do.

We serve a great God, and we should exercise wise stewardship of the gifts He has entrusted to us.

--Beecher Hunter