

Well, So Much for Duct Tape

Most every garage has a roll of duct tape because it can be used to repair just about anything.

Its purposes seem almost endless. But a study has shown that duct tape doesn't succeed well at the purpose for which it was created.

Scientists at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California found that duct tape is not a good product for sealing duct work.

Max Sherman, a physicist who conducted these experiments to monitor the effectiveness of different air-conditioning and heating sealants, said, "What we found was that duct tape almost always failed." This failure rate has resulted in approximately 30 percent of the heat or cool air generated in an average home to be lost in the attic or wall space because of poorly sealed ducts.



Although you can tape up a bicycle seat, seal off a leaky radiator hose, secure a broken window, or keep an alligator's mouth shut with it, you can't depend on duct tape to fulfill its primary purpose.

Duct tape isn't alone in accomplishing some great things while simultaneously failing at the purpose for which it was created.

Churches and their members can be guilty of doing this, parents are often in this boat, employees frequently get the "duct-tape syndrome," and human beings who fail to surrender their lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ are not fulfilling their created purpose either.

To avoid this pitfall, we might do well to tear off some duct tape and put it on the binding of our Bible as a reminder of our central purpose in life.

David, the psalmist and king of Israel, said it: *Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!* (Psalm 34:3 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter

