

# **This is the Day...Monday**

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## **We can all learn from Lefty**

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15*

This is the story of Lefty Glynn. You may be thinking that Lefty was an all-star pitcher for a major league baseball team or maybe a great left-handed musician. I met Lefty Glynn in my final year of junior high school. Lefty was from New Jersey. His daddy worked in the banking industry and his family had been relocated to the Charlotte area for his dad’s work. Lefty began attending my school right after Christmas break that year.

Everyone noticed Lefty the first day he came into the classroom. Not just because he was a new guy from Jersey. They noticed him because he only had one hand. His left one. Lefty was born with a birth defect which resulted in his right hand being nothing more than a small nub on the end of his wrist. When Lefty came into class, no one noticed his smile, his hair, or his clothes. Every eye was on his missing hand. Lefty made no attempts to hide his deformity. He could have kept his right hand in his coat pocket or behind his back. But Lefty didn’t allow his issue to define him. He actually used it to his benefit.

At lunch that same day, I noticed that Lefty was sitting at a table in the lunchroom with a bunch of other kids around him. Lefty was telling stories about his life in New Jersey and about how he used the nub on his right hand to freak people out. All the kids were laughing at Lefty’s stories and before long, Lefty became the most popular kid at the school. Later that same day, I was amazed when Lefty walked into band class and began playing the base drum. The boy born with one hand did not allow his deformity to limit his ability to succeed and be the best person he could be.

We can all learn from Lefty. It is so easy to focus on our limits and convince ourselves that we are not capable or worthy to succeed. We see the greatness of our deformity and our weakness instead of focusing on the greatness of the one who formed us. The Bible tells us to present ourselves to God with confidence, unashamed of who we are as a child of God. Ironically, Lefty taught me that the greater the limit, the greater the glory that God may receive when we overcome and succeed.

On this day which God has given you, give thanks to God for who you are and the gifts you have. Focus on the greatness of the one who has called you to confidently share the Word with your life. By the way, a few weeks after Lefty arrived, he used his deformity and popularity to start a prayer group for students before school each morning. We can all learn from Lefty. # 592