

ASPIRE TO GREATNESS

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There is a built in mechanism within all men, which drives them to seek for the betterment of their circumstances and quality of life. This begins at birth and motivates the newly born to their first steps, first words, first day at school, etc. Similarly, those who are born again are equally equipped with the desire to seek betterment and perfection, but the difference is that this time, they already have a more mature mind and often have very little natural skills to look to bettering. This necessitates a need for strong disciplines in the spiritual arena to prevent a stunted Christian life. Just as no parent wants to see their children under achieve, neither does God want us to fall short of our basic abilities and blessings.

Any level of effective and lasting greatness isn't possible without the anointing of the Spirit. ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. *This empowers people to know and do things that are normally impossible. Natural deeds end at death (PSA 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?)... spiritual deeds last forever, both for yourself and the beneficiaries of your actions!! You will live continually to see their lasting benefits.*

God's thinking on greatness is the reverse of the world's version of being great. MAT 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? **2** And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be **converted**, and become as little children (receive the Holy Spirit and exercise the right attitude), ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whosoever therefore shall **humble himself as this little child** (the right attitude), the same is **greatest in the kingdom of heaven**. *A humble attitude is the greatest of all spiritual achievements.*

Childlike humility is the key attitude for all the great servants of God. MAT 23:10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. **11** But he that is **greatest** among you shall be your servant. **12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall **humble himself** shall be **exalted**. *People see leadership itself as a form of greatness, or the performance of notable and numerous miracles or deeds: but that is wrong. The battle of the sexes is a perfect example of scriptural misunderstanding. Many women feel they can be more blessed or important, by moving into the rolls that God ordained for men. Even in the world, too many women are so busy trying to be great... based on dominating leadership and power, that they miss the God inspired reality of greatness. Women and men are both equal in the sight of God when it comes to greatness and personal self worth. God sees the action of the humble servant as the greatest action possible on the earth... total self-sacrifice. Many women can/will excel in this area, because humility is not gender nor authority biased, but remains the only pathway to true greatness. God given rolls lead to blessing, not loss.*

Paul required that the members of the church, regularly test themselves along these lines. 2COR 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? *The true Christian is a creator of spiritual opportunities, rather than a consumer of blessings. This is the test that is required from our conscience... every day.*

Those who have ability, position or power for whatever reason... God requires more from them.

LUK 12:48 (talking about doing the Lord's will) ...for unto whomsoever **much is given**, of him shall be **much** required: and to whom men have committed **much**, of him they will ask the more. *Authority and power are mistakenly believed to be a ticket to copious blessing and numerous miracles (success)... this is an error of great magnitude. The greater your position and stature, the greater a servant you need to be... remember you are serving God, via the medium of doing unto others (sheep and goats). This point is missed by so many.*

The world says take,

God says give.

The world says, keep what you've got,

God says share.

The world says, be the greatest through increase and power. **God says, be the greatest by sharing your life.**

The world says, do to others what they do to you. **God says, Forgive each other. Don't be their judge... I will.**

Great deeds are spiritually effective and pay dividends forever.

JOH 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that **my joy might remain in you**, and that your joy might be full. **12** This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. **13** **Greater love** hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. *Blessing and life will work the best when handed to God. Remember, God will give you much more than anything you will ever give up... even in this lifetime.*

To aspire to greatness is to aspire to be the servant of all. To do anything less, is to fail!!