

GOD USES A DIFFERENT MEASURE

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*Serving God is easier than you think... because he doesn't think like we do, nor does he measure life and its problems in the same way that we do. His values are far different; his rewards seem far too great for the small amount of effort required. On the other hand, some of the great things we think are exceptional, God sees as a daily norm: something he expects... who can know the mind of God? **1COR 2:16** For who has known the mind of the Lord; who has advised him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

God's values are built on love for one another, as the spirit of God is allowed to develop and work in us.

1JOH 5:3 For this is the **love of God**, that we **keep his commandments**: and his commandments are not **grievous** (burdensome). **ROM 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. *The love that the Holy Spirit develops, is far differently exercised and beneficial than all other types of positive love.*

1JOH 3:16 Hereby **perceive we** (get understanding of) *the love of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**. *Doing things for others, or being at the mercy of their weakness or foolishness, is neither great nor noble in our eyes. Yet is the most spiritually enlivening activity we can be involved with.*

Jesus spoke very strongly of the greatest spiritual measure.

MAT 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the **least** of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. *Everything you do or offer, regardless of the outcome, is treated as being as equal as offering it to God himself... great results are irrelevant. At no point did Jesus ever hint that people would be spiritually measured by how many thousands they fed, how many devils they cast out, or whether they walked on water, etc. All roads lead to spiritual servitude as it takes ego and natural ability out of the measure.*

The following verses reveal the great equaliser when the power of the spirit verses our natural ability.

1JOH 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1JOH 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God's measure relates to serving others rather than ourselves... that is why all ego centric practices offer limited rewards and growth. Those who lay their hand to the church plough, will always have the greatest growth and see the most satisfying of all results... this is God's measure, not ours!!