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**Simple Little Things**

Luke 9:46-48 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. (47) And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, (48) And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. (KJV)

Strongs definition for ‘least’:

3398 mikros (mik-ros'); including the comparative mikroteros (mik-rot'-er-os); apparently a primary word; small (in size, quantity, number or (figuratively) dignity): KJV-- least, less, little, small.

So your goal in life is to become a big name preacher with a worldwide following, hey maybe we could be on TV! Oh, and if I could build a big building that would really impress our Lord, wouldn’t it? Uh actually, the more you get out of the way the more it allows someone else to have His way. Our goal as Christians on a daily basis is like Paul wrote, in that he died daily. Our goal on a daily basis should not be so much as getting bigger, rather learning to become smaller.

Ephesians 3:7-8 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (8) Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; (KJV)

Simply put, Paul realized how little and insignificant his ways were as compared to what the Lord could do in and through Him if he would just get out of the way. Those that are truly called of God realize that their salvation is based on grace and on what the Lord has done on our behalf, and not on what many claim they are doing on His behalf.

Matthew 25:37-40 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? (38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? (39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? (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. (KJV)

The righteous are the ones that didn’t judge by the outward appearance or stature; rather they were ready to give the Lord’s answer to any man that would ask of the reason of the hope that is within them. As you see, that when we do these things unto what many would consider least and of little value, well it is quite a big deal, because we are doing it personally unto our Lord. Think of it this way, if you had someone who saved one of your children from drowning, you would be more than willing to seek them out and thank them as well as reward them.

Mark 10:42-45 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. (43) But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: (44) And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. (45) For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (KJV)

So you want to be a minister and make a big name for yourself? Well if you do, then you will find out that it is just the opposite of what the Lord is asking of His people. The greatest love that we can have toward our Lord and His people is to lay down our own lives for them. Are you ready to be ordained yet?