

THE SECRET TO GREATNESS

INTRODUCTION: Galatians 5: _____ of the Spirit

- Love, joy, peace, patience, integrity, kindness, self-control, greatness.
- Jesus will turn your life _____ .

Matthew 23:12(NIV) "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

- Everyday we face the simple **TEST OF GREATNESS**:
 - Exalt yourself
 - Humble yourself

THREE TIMES JESUS TALKS ABOUT HUMBLING OURSELVES

1. HUMILITY HANDLES OUR _____.

Matthew 18:4 (NIV) "Therefore whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

- Jesus did not say, "_____ your desires for greatness."
- Jesus does say, "Humility needs to _____ ambitions."
- **Daily Greatness Test:**
 - Exalt yourself: Be _____.
 - Humble yourself: Be _____.
- "Like a child" means depending on _____.
- Three reasons not to let go of your ambitions:
 1. We are _____ by God
 2. We are given _____ by God
 3. We are to reflect God's _____.

2. HUMILITY HANDLES OUR NEED TO BE _____.

Matthew 23:12 (NIV) "The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

- **Daily Greatness Test:**
 - Exalt yourself: You need _____.

- Humble yourself: You notice _____.

Matthew 23:5-7(NIV) "Everything they do is done for men to see; they make their phylacteries wide... they love the place of honor at banquets... and to have men call them 'Rabbi'."

- Pharisees: Exalt _____.
- Mother Teresa: God doesn't ask us to do _____ things. God does ask us to do _____ things with great love.

3. HUMILITY HANDLES OUR TENDENCY TO _____.

Luke 14:10-11 (NIV) "But when you are invited take the lowest place so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'"

- Jewish parties were a spiritual _____!
- **Daily Greatness Test:**
 - Exalt yourself: Get the _____.
 - Humble yourself: Take the _____.
- Three steps for our maturity
 1. _____ for the top spot.
 2. _____ the lowest spot with hope.
 3. _____ equally comfortable with either.
- Question: Where can _____ use me?

CONCLUSION: Final "GREATNESS TEST"

- Exalt yourself: As you grow in faith – need God's grace _____.
- Humble yourself: As you grow in faith need God's grace _____.

I Peter 5:5 (NASB) "God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble."