



... Heart to Heart ...

Our idea of greatness and God’s idea of greatness are two different things. We measure greatness by success of a job, positions held in life, owning fine homes or vehicles. Pride wells up in us, we become puffed up thinking we have arrived and people will take notice. All the while, it escapes our notice, “*God is opposed to the proud!*” (Jam. 4:6) The “*pride of life*” will cost us our relationship with the Lord and our souls in the end!

The last night of Jesus’ life, before He was crucified, he sat at a table with thirteen men. He knew His hour had come (John 13:1). Luke tells us the apostles were disputing among themselves which one of them was the greatest (Luke 22:24). Sounds like us, doesn’t it? What did Jesus do? **He showed them God!** He arose from the supper, laid aside His outer garments, took a towel and washed His disciple’s feet. Peter protested at first (John 13:6). It seemed awkward for their Master, the one who walked on water, defied nature, gave life to the dead and healed many who were sick, to be on His knees washing feet!!! That’s not greatness in the eyes of man. That’s just a lowly, poor servants world. In other words, it was the job of a ‘nobody!’

What does this teach us? In God’s eyes, real spiritual minded people are servants. Service is the very heart of God and Jesus. The Creator of the world, the Holy One who called into existence the things that never existed, who has all power and demonstrates that power, came into our world in the form of weak and feeble man. He died the death of a criminal, shamed in front of all mankind to see. He had a following like no other. Multitudes upon multitudes crowded around Him each and every day. In all of this, He served! He looked how He could serve the lives of others. ***The God of heaven and earth was on His knees washing the feet of His creation.***

How serious are you about growing more into the likeness of Jesus? How much effort do you put into looking impressive in the eyes of others? What you go after shows where your heart really is set. What you love the most is shown in what you dedicate your life for, what you sacrifice for. I’ve watched numerous people destroy themselves because they go after the finest things, thinking it sets them apart as being somebody, only to lose it all because their lusts overextended them. They give little thought to service and great efforts are expended toward externals. The pride of life is not from the Father, but is from the world and the world is passing away (I John 2:16-17). Think about it!!!

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