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Changing Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

Take My yoke
upon you and learn
from Me, for I am gen-
tle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest
for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

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Grandiosity was built into the human heart, but not because God wanted us to be bigger than life, the longing was meant to elevate Him. Because of our sin, wires crossed and corruption resulted. Could this misguided desire for greatness be why we sometimes wish the CEO would break his leg and we are unanimously and appropriately appointed to replace him? Could it be why we wish the kid who hit the home run were ours, though externally we cheer wildly for the other folks "little brat"? Could the drive to grab some glory be why we desperately maneuver for attention at the party, craving for someone to confirm our lofty sense of worth? Could it be why we tumble into despair at the thought that we are in fact quite average, or less than average, at some skill or status?

Jesus' Example

Once again Jesus is waiting to set us free from self-destruction. He says to learn from Him—He is meek and humble of heart. He is content when snubbed. He doesn't despair when insulted. He isn't agitated when another gets a compliment due to Him. He knew His own value and was secure in it. He doesn't ask for our praise for His own ego gratification but to free us from ourselves.

We too need to be secure in our own value. He loves each of us to the fullest amount possible. He died for us when we were enemies and our value is "through the roof" of heaven. Is this sufficient? Does this knowledge satisfy our souls or

do we lust for the accolades of men?

Practical Steps to Freedom

How do we grab onto the freedom of making the Lord the exalted one and not ourselves?

1) We must be faithful in the small things. Zechariah 4:10 says, "Do not despise the day of small things". We can skip the "small" in our quest to grab the world by the tail. During a college football bowl game I recently watched, one coach received much praise by the announcers for his unparalleled dedication to winning. Last year his team was off Christmas Day and they lost. This year the team practiced and they won. In the end, will the sacrifice of key family time be worth it? Will the Lord inquire about national ranking, or about our faithfulness to our families' well being? A father can show up at home but only bodily. He can mope around all day, preoccupied with his lack of career progress. I know because I have done it. How many mothers have rejoined the work force at the expense of crucial family time because of embarrassment that Johnny doesn't have nice clothes like the "Joneses"?

2) Have a great attitude in private. It is easy to take the low position when we are confident we will get patted on the back. But how do we respond when doing "grunt work" for the family or for the boss, or for God? The true test of our attitude is what we are thinking in private. What is big and important to man is not always big and important to God.

-Joe Fornear