

GraceNotes

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GROWING IN GRACE

"Small Things"

It's a commonly held belief that "bigger is better." Large size, great quantity, and huge dimension are this culture's hallmarks of importance, significance, and success. The "big standard" is commonly applied to business, industry, government, homes, vacations, possessions, positions, cuisine, money, and, sometimes, even church. A Quora.com respondent recently suggested that humans have a natural "quantity bias" and that a "quality bias" is learned. Perhaps such can be learned from Jesus.

Jesus' sentiment is often a big contrast" (pun intended) to our infatuation with expansive size. Small things readily captured His attention, and in His estimation, often carried the day. One small widow's mite, one small sparrow, one small hair, one small coin, one small sheep, one small child, one small loaf, one small word, and one small mustard seed are just a few of the small things Jesus pointed to as possessors of great importance and significance. Check it out in the Bible.

As we continue GROWING IN GRACE together, let us pay more attention to the small things. Therein do we often find the best of life and the greatest in life. J.B. Fowler once wrote, "Blinded by bigness, we earthlings often miss the importance of little things." Jesus never did. God help our blindness that, in the likeness of Jesus, small things would never escape our notice.

An old proverb says, "As you go through life, be careful how you treat the small things, for in the end the small things just might be the big things." In his 2018 song, Christian music artist Josh Wilson says,

"Dream small.
Don't bother like you've gotta do it all.
Just let Jesus use you where you are
One day at a time.
Live well, loving God and others as yourself.
Find little ways where only you can help.
With His great love a tiny rock can make a giant fall.
So dream small."

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May each of us be blessed with eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to know, and hearts to understand that "bigness" is not always as "big a deal" as we might think. In God's economy small things are often valued as the biggest and best. There is a place in our spiritual lives to think, seek, and value SMALL.

In Christ,

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