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BEING GREAT

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"Don't worry about doing something great. Be great by doing what you can where God has placed you. It will pay off after a while." - Paul Robinson, Veteran Missionary to Uruguay (Message to his fellow missionaries at his retirement reception held July 31, 1990)

This statement is worthy of consideration seeing as we live in a world that speaks so often of being great. A friend, Les Brown, is known for his motto, "You have greatness within you." Through this phrase, he encourages others to step up in life and accomplish something.



Our concept of being great is primarily developed by what we see on television and other popular forums of visual exposure of people. Today one is great just because they earn millions of dollars. Often how it is accomplished is not as important as the financial achievement. Many sacrifice their self-respect, morals and values to be considered great if they make millions of dollars. The entertainment business makes many appear to be great because they draw large crowds to support what they do, even if it is vulgar in its presentation. We have lost sight that being great in the eyes of God may not be great in the eyes of the world.

True greatness is expressed in the words of Mahalia Jackson's "If I Can Help Somebody", (If I can help somebody along the way then my living will not be in vain).

When we take the opportunity to be useful and serve others where God has placed us, we are great. To serve the needs of others and provide support in whatever way one can expresses the greatness of God. God is great and we become an extension of that greatness

when we remember that the greatest person is the one who gives and is not looking for anything in return. The payoff comes after a while from the hand of God. When God honors us for doing what we can for others, we become great in the Kingdom of God and that has everlasting rewards.

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