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Big People

Have you noticed that some people seem bigger than others? They seem to rise above provocation. They are generous in their approach to people and are able to see the big picture at work. They refuse to be drawn into petty disputes and have a knack of finding the important amongst the demanding. They are calm under pressure and when you spend time with them you feel uplifted and encouraged.

What is it that makes some people big and some petty? I suggest to you that it is to do with two things.

First we become like the gods we worship. If you worship money or status it reduces your size and dignity to the vagaries of the market or your peers. Your value goes up and down with your net worth or other people's opinions of who you are. So if you want to be a 'big' person then it is important to find a god who is big and worship him. Of course if you are a Christian the assumption is that you worship the true God. But here is the challenge. To what or whom do you really sacrifice? We sometimes say, "I have to move house, church etc because of my job". "I have to be away from my family or Church duties because of my work responsibilities." So our sacrifices are offered on the altar of career. We become career-sized people.

Second, ask yourself what makes you angry. When you become angry you become reduced to the size of the issue which angers you. So if being first or right or important makes you angry, then you reduce yourself to this size.

When Jesus met a woman at a well she was shocked by His unconventional approach. "True worshipers" Jesus told her "Aren't limited by places or laws, they worship God in spirit and in truth". If you determine today to go for God alone in spirit and in truth you become a bigger person. Your colleagues will see that you are qualitatively different. Petty issues will not upset you and you will have an eye for what matters.

Companies pay well for people who can see the big picture. Pictures with God in them don't come any bigger.

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Prayer request: WorkNet Board member Dr. John Wyatt is in Uganda for two weeks doing vital medical work with children. Pray, if you can, for protection for him from AIDS, the Ebola virus and during travel.

Here are some relevant readings for the Feb. 4th 2002 Wake Up Call Deuteronomy 6: 5

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

Deuteronomy 6: 13-18

Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.
Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;
for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.
Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.
Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.
Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers,

John 4: 21-24

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.
Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.
God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."