

## **Moving From Good To Great**

*"Jesus and his disciples went out ... and He baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized ... An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan--the one you testified about--well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to Him.'" To this John replied, 'A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must increase; and I must decrease ... The one who comes from heaven is above all."* **John 3:22-31**

### **I. Introduction**

**Key Question:** Have I given Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to increase in my life?

### **II. What Happens When I allow Jesus to Increase in My Life?**

1. Wherever He \_\_\_\_\_, you learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ increase.
3. We begin to \_\_\_\_\_ in knowing that He is in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We begin to value \_\_\_\_\_ over mere \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. How Do I Move My Life From Good To Great?**

1. **We must always remain acutely aware of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for all he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God...You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.'" But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth, and so confirms his covenant...If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed."* **Deuteronomy 8:10-19**

2. We must always \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then Jesus said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever seeks to save their own life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it." Luke 9:23-24*

3. In the midst of life's madness, we must know where our \_\_\_\_\_ comes from.

*"These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may remain in you,** and that your joy may be full."*  
John 15:11 (NKJV)

4. We must learn to order our lives based upon HIS \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

***"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"** For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:36-38 (NKJV)*

5. Never lose sight of God's definition of, and pathway to true \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Live to \_\_\_\_\_

*"But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But **whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*  
Matthew 20:25-28

2 Value and model true \_\_\_\_\_

*"...the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**" "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me..."*  
Matthew 18:1-5

2 Rejoice in the "team winning," not in who gets the

\_\_\_\_\_. *"God is not unjust; **He will not forget your work and the love you have shown** Him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10*

*"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and **at the right time He will promote you and lift you up in honor.**" I Peter 5:6*

# **Answer Key:**

## **I. Introduction**

**Permission**

## **II. What Happens When I allow Jesus to Increase in My Life?**

- 1. leads---follow**
- 2. fulfillment---contentment**
- 3. rest---complete control**
- 4. significance----success**

## **III. How Do I Move From Good To Great?**

- 1. where we came from**
- 2. remember our heavenly calling**
- 3. lasting joy**
- 4. purposes**
- 5. greatness**
  - o Serve others**
  - o Humility**
  - o credit**