

SERMON NOTES



GREATER
THINGS

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**“Believing that God has greater things for you,
you will have greater faith and walk in greater expectation.”**

2 Peter 1:5 – 9 (MSG)

⁵⁻⁹ So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

- Compliment your faith with good character and see clearer what God is arranging for your future.
- Allow God to work on your character and He will restore every lost opportunity and redeem your time.
- Without character, you cannot see God's future for your life and see the next step God has for you.

“God will not send us to our future until our character can carry it!”

How to Have a Greater Life:

1. Great Purpose
 - Your purpose is your passion.
2. Great Principles
 - Build life principles on the word of God.
 - God's word is your values.
3. Great Power
 - Greater anointing for God's calling.
 - Imagination is greater than your memory.
4. Great People
 - Who you are listening to today will determine your future.

5. Great Vision

- For faith to be strong, vision must be clear.
- Have a picture to build strong faith.
- Remove clutter and chaos out of your life to have clarity for your vision.

6. Great Character

- Having great character is surrendering to God and putting Him first in your life.
- Having great character is being:
 - a. Flexible
 - b. Faithful
 - c. Teachable
 - d. Open-hearted
 - e. Open-minded

7. Great Tests

- God does not bring problems but uses them.
- Self, other people, Satan and living in a broken world brings problems.
- Learn how to face problems, solve problems and overcome problems.
- Ask God for wisdom to solve problems.
- Learn to be happy in circumstances that are opposite of God's promises.

James 1:2 – 3 (TLB)

² Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, ³ for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow.

James 1:2 – 3 (PHILLIPS)

²⁻³ When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence.

How to Pass the Test:

1. Learn how to be happy in a negative world.
2. Face challenges with God's power and anointing.
3. Learn how to praise God in all circumstances, rejoice, give thanks and not worry.
4. Have perspective of a winner!

“Pass the test to have greater things!”

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you build a greater life?
2. How do you pass the test to have greater things?