

For Our Information

Adene Gray is feeling better but is still sore from her wreck.

Joyce Venable is having some stomach problems.

Betty Ragsdale's Mom went home from the hospital with hospice. Betty said she is not doing well.

Gracie Simpson is doing well and will need to continue physical therapy for several months.

Remember one another as we pray to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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All Things Are Of God

Gilbert Alexander

God made us, gave us eyes with which to see, ears with which to hear, and minds to comprehend what He has said to us. He sent prophets to instruct His people of old concerning duty and things to come. They all spoke by the revelation of the Holy Spirit (**2Peter 1:21**). His desire was that people should turn from their disobedient ways, serve Him, and live (**Ezekiel 18:31-32**). God's Word is designed to be light to those in darkness (**Psalms 119:105**), food for the hungry (**Matthew 5:6; 1Timothy 4:6**), the sword of the Spirit to fight the good fight of faith (**Ephesians 6:17; 1Timothy 6:12**), life to the spiritually dead (**John 6:63-68; Romans 10:17**), the means of the new birth (**1Peter 1:23**), the code of conduct for the child of God (**2Timothy 3:16-17**).

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Growing In Littleness

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(The following article is from a January 1978 issue of Robert Turner's Plain Talk. Though it has been 40 years since it was penned the message is still relevant today. The examples from Scripture teach the same thing to day as they did then. In fact it may even be more needed today than when written. Our world is filled with men and women who think they are "something" and thereby are unwilling to submit to God. We need to remember our place as created rather than Creator. We are nothing without God and can do nothing to



Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

1Corinthians
10:12



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bring our self to Him unless we accept His Way. DLH)

There was a time when king Saul was useful to God's purposes. At that time he was anointed king of Israel; at a time, as Samuel tells him, "*When thou wast little in thine own sight*" (**1Samuel 15:17**). The sense of littleness that helped qualify Saul for his crown is no less essential for those who seek a better crown (**2Timothy 4:8**).

In fact, nothing is more needful in the quest for godliness (acquiring a right attitude toward God). Man's view of self determines his view of God, and vice versa. When Saul was little in his own sight, God was big. When Saul came to be big in his own sight, God became smaller. That is, God and God's will became of less importance to him. Nebuchadnezzar had the same problem. After being made to live as a beast of the field and to eat grass as the oxen for a time, his sense of littleness and understanding returned. When humbled, he could see God's bigness; that "*the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will*" (**Daniel 4:32**). Then, he blessed and praised and honored "*Him that liveth forever*" (**Daniel 4:34**) — as do all "little" men.

Only the man with a sense of littleness acknowledges his inability to direct his own steps (**Jeremiah 10:23**) and willingly submits to God's leading. Others, like king Saul, presumptuously set aside God's will when it conflicts with their own — not in all things, mind you, nor even in most. Many are willing to do much of what God says, but, as with Saul, we learn that partial obedience is not

Store In My Heart

1Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

As Paul begins his instruction to the brethren in Corinth, he pleads with them to be united. He wanted harmony among the saints. He wanted agreement in their teaching. He wanted no divisions among the ranks. This is in perfect agreement with the desire of our Lord as He prayed to the Father on the night He was betrayed.

It has been said, and I agree, when two teach different things on the same subject, either one is wrong or both are wrong.

submission at all. In fact, God calls it "*rebellion*" (**1Samuel 15:23**). Sound harsh? It shouldn't. Not when you realize that man arrays himself against God in every act of deliberate disobedience and says, in effect, "NO, I will not submit!" Perhaps this is what prompted someone to observe that the first lesson to be learned in serving God is humility. Whenever men conclude (by any process of reasoning or rationalizing) that their ways are as good as God's, they prove themselves too big to work in God's harness.

But, not only does man change his attitude toward God in losing his sense of littleness, he also changes his attitude toward men. As men acquire those things that make them "somewhat" (whether thrones, money, position, success or education), they are apt to see their peers as somewhat less. The kind of pride that kept Saul from appreciating David is still a threat to the unity of God's people — and not only in others, for all can forget their littleness at times (like the man who became proud of his humility). God's way is "*doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others*" (**Philippians 2:3-4**). When every brother looks up to all other brethren and looks down on none, we are growing in the kind of littleness that makes us strong (**2Corinthians 12:10**). May God help us to cultivate this sense of littleness; the kind that truly appreciates God and brethren; the kind that confesses weakness and wrongdoing and says, "*God, be thou merciful...*".