

## **“He Must Increase, But I Must Decrease”**

### I. Introduction:

- A. Some people struggle with wanting to be glorified (**Matthew 6:1-8**).
  - 1. This is not good (**Proverbs 25:27**).
  - 2. Our mindsets should not be set on getting glory from others (**Philippians 2:3-7** and **I Thessalonians 2:4-6**).
  - 3. Yet, most are only concerned about “getting mine” (**Philippians 2:21**).
- B. We were created to be glory givers (**Revelation 4:8-11**).
  - 1. Glory is due to God (**I Chronicles 16:28-29**).
  - 2. He doesn’t want His glory given to another (**Isaiah 42:8**).
  - 3. Even when we do good and great things, the glory must be given to God (**Matthew 5:14-16**, **Acts 14:6-18**, and **I Corinthians 10:31**).

### II. Body: Consider How John Taught These Things (**John 3:25-36**).

- A. Even in doing the right things we’re not “anything” (**I Corinthians 3:1-7**).
  - 1. Doing all we can do is just doing what we should do (**Luke 17:7-10**).
  - 2. Remembering some things keeps us in this realm of reality (i.e. **John 15:1-5**, **I Corinthians 15:9-10**, **Ephesians 1:19-2:17**, **Philippians 3:8-9**, and **Revelation 1:5**).
- B. Having a humble mindset (**Acts 20:19** and **Galatians 5:26**; cf. **II Corinthians 3:5**).
  - 1. The Lord respects the lowly (**Psalms 138:6**).
  - 2. The Lord gives grace to the lowly (**Proverbs 3:34**).
  - 3. Walk humbly with God (**Micah 6:8**).
  - 4. A converted humility likened to an innocent child (**Matthew 18:1-4**).
  - 5. Realizing greatness is in service (**Matthew 20:20-28**).
  - 6. Humility is something we have to put on (**Colossians 3:12**).
  - 7. Knowing that recognition and glory through what man thinks is great is really foolish in the eyes of God (**I Corinthians 1:18-31** and **I Corinthians 3:18-23**).
- C. Realizing the recognition for what we do is not due us here and now (**Psalms 73:24** and **Romans 2:4-10**).
  - 1. Consider what the Lord says to elders in the church (**I Peter 5:1-4**).
  - 2. We are striving for eternal glory; not earthly, temporary glory (**II Corinthians 4:16-18**, **II Thessalonians 2:10-16**, and **II Timothy 2:10**).
  - 3. Therefore, have the humility now to be exalted then (**Proverbs 15:33**, **Matthew 23:11-12**, and **James 4:6-10**).

### III. Conclusion: It all comes back to knowing our place (**John 13:16**).