

Greater—Part 1, Strike the Match!!!
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John 14:12-14 (NIV): *“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask Me for anything in my name and I will do it.”*

Everyone of us has a God given purpose—We can feel it on the inside. We know there's something “Greater” that we can/should do with our lives. We ALL have a deep desire for “Significance.” We want our lives to matter, to be Significant. A lot of people replace Significance for Success. You can be Successful but not Significant.

Success Doesn't Equal Significance

But Significance Always Leads to Success. Significance is GREATER than Success.

We are called to something GREATER!

The Definition of Great: “Considerably above normal or average”

Christ was Great! Christ Lives In Us, Something Great is Inside Us

How do we go from Success to Significance? How do we live a life that is

GREATER? Greater purpose, focus and impact. It all starts with **Believing—**

Illumination. Whoever believes in Me will do the works, will do Greater things =

Jesus ---> Father

2 Cor 5:7 (NIV): *“For we live by faith, not by sight.”*

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Our person has 3 parts: **BODY** ---> our Earth Suit, Dirt Man, Flesh

Some people are led by their flesh: their appetites and desires. The flesh makes terrible decisions (great servant, terrible master). The Apostle Paul put no confidence in flesh (Phil 3:3, NIV). You cannot trust the flesh, we do not walk according to the flesh.

Romans 8:5 (NIV): *“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires. But those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”*

SOUL---> Our mind, will & emotions, our decision making center. This is the fulcrum that our flesh and spirit balance upon

Romans 12:2 (NIV): *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Proverbs 23:7: *“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”*

SPIRIT---> Our eternal personality, heart. This is the depth/core of our being. This is where our purpose is found, this is what drives behind the scenes. Damage here causes major problems everywhere. The reason most live by the flesh is because they are afraid to come here.

Proverbs 20:27 (NIV): *“The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord that sheds light on one's inmost being.”* Illumination here will change your life forever. The light exposes all the darkness tries to harbor. **This is where the Holy Spirit lives.**

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When we accept Christ we receive a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. **Jesus came to light your lamp.**

The Path to Greater Starts By Striking the Match

John 10:10 (NIV): *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* Jesus didn't come just to save you, He came to **set you on fire!!!**

John the Baptist Preached Repentance, Luke 3:15-17 (NIV): *“The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water. But One who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’”*

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