

SERMON - THERE IS GREATNESS IN YOU: CONTINUE TO UNVEIL IT

PSALM 139:14a

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Introduction

On the fourth Sunday in June, we traditionally honor those who have excelled in academics, arts, and athletics. You have heard me make this statement numerous times- maybe too many times: Every day more than ten thousand airplanes take off and land and only the one that crashes makes the news. This unfortunately happens many times with people. The criminal makes the news while the law abiding citizen is unnoticed. The unruly student makes the news, while the well-behaved student feels unappreciated.

Today, figuratively, we shall acknowledge, with appreciation, the airplanes that did not crash. We are prayerfully proud of you and want you to keep us continually prayerfully proud of you. You have given parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles bragging rights. Let's keep it real: We like to brag about you and testify that our prayers for you have been answered.

This Scripture tells us that each of us is "doubly special." All humans are created in the image and likeness of God. Then God created each of us with our own unique features and characteristics. "We are all alike in different ways. We are all equal, but not identical." Even identical twins have different finger prints. When God created each of us, He threw away the mold. He did not use a cookie cutter. He started from scratch each time.

By your present achievements, you have proved that there is much greatness in you. There is still much more to come forth. As we honor you, let me give you a few words of encouragement so that you will continue to travel the road of godly success and greatness.

Exposition

1. Greatness And Fame Do Not Always Go Together.

(Matthew 23:11.)

2. God Has A Purpose And A Plan For Your Life-Discover It.

(Form Follows Function.)

(Characteristics Follow Calling.)

3. Your Potential And Gifts Are Equal To Your Purpose.

(Too Much Comparison Can Be Counterproductive.)

4. You Are Unique-Thrive In Your Uniqueness.

(Caution: Your Uniqueness Does Not Give You License To Behave As You Please.)

(Be Yourself, But Be Your Best Self.)

(Manage Your Weaknesses-Maximize Your Strengths.)

5. The Devil Wants To Prevent You From Reaching Your Potential.

(Don't Fall Into His Many Tricks And Traps.)
(Luke 22:31-32; John 10:10. 1st John 4:4.)

6. You Can Only Reach Your Potential By Acknowledging God In All Things.

(Proverbs 3:5-6; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Matthew 6:33.)

Closing Thoughts

True greatness and genuine success is aligning our lives with the will of God. Each of us is wonderfully made. We are made in the image and likeness of God. When the challenges come, just remember, we can do all things through Christ who will strengthen us. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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