The Heart of the Matter

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The Importance of the heart

This is to know that everybody is important, useful, and can be used by God.

Roman 12: 3 - 8



The story of Gideon says it all. He felt..

- ► Less powerful
- ▶ Less useful
- >Less powerful
- Less understanding; basing
 on background, race, color, or education
 level

Even if God was seeing a powerful wise, innovative leader.

- Gideon himself was so negative about himself.
- The problem was his background.
- I am the youngest
- I am from a very poor clan

The devil is trying to belittle you in believing this lie.

I want you to always remember that you are important, useful, intelligent, even when you feel like you are not. God can empower you and use you if you are available.

The power of Potential

"What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up."

1 Corinthians 14:26 NIV.

** You are one among millions. You are wired differently with unique abilities and capabilities.



- Effective Leaders Are Servants Luke 22:7- 38.
- The Greatest among you must be a Servant - Jesus Christ

Our Assurance - His Presence

- Isaiah 41:10, 13 NIV
- Is 43:2 ...you go through deep waters/fire I will be with you
- That's exactly what he did with our brothers Sadrach, Messach and Abdenego. In the midst of the burning furnace, he came and stood with them.
- Observe clearly



- Matt 28: 18 20
- 1st assignment to the disciples from Christ- Mark 3:14

God is counting on you.
Feed Them

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said."

Matthew 14:15-18 NIV



The only way you can make progress in life is to do profitable things. Stop murmuring, complaining, and giving excuses.

God is not looking for ability. He's looking for <u>availability</u>. It doesn't matter what you are in the natural. It doesn't matter what you look like. It doesn't matter how smart you are or what birth order or birth privileges you had or didn't have.

The natural realm is no problem to God. He's got the ability, and He'll give you **His ability**. What He must have is someone who will make themselves available to Him—someone who will draw near to Him and heed His voice.

