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He must increase, I must decrease.

Matt 11:11 "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

John 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 6:38-39 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. "And this is the will of Him who sent Me,

It is the will of the Father to believe in His Son.

John 6:40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

And it is the Father's will to listen to His Son.

Mark 9:7-8 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

And Jesus Christ says, John 21:22 You follow Me!"

It is His will that all men be saved.

1 Tim 2:3-5 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge (epignosis) of the truth.

After salvation, we must learn His thinking, His motivation, His way, His life.

Isa 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

We are confident it (a little galaxy) is the most distant known object," California Institute of Technology astronomer Richard Ellis said of the galaxy, which lies roughly 13 billion light-years from Earth. That is roughly 7,600,000,000,000,000,000 miles away. God made this universe so huge and our place in it so small so that there would be no doubt that we are as insignificant as grass.

Because the Lord doesn't need us to follow Him. It is right that we follow Him. He is above all, and He is so far above us that it is a privilege to be able to worship Him. To not worship Him is to deny the greatest gift we could ever receive.

All four Gospels quote this passage, making it clear that John the Baptist is the voice crying in the wilderness.

John 1:19-23 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said then to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Though we will fade in a season (that's how long grass and flowers last) we have something right in front of us that will stand forever. Therefore the word of God deserves our absolute attention.

Prov 8:1-4 Does not wisdom call, And understanding lift up her voice? On top of the heights beside the way, Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

Beside the gates, at the opening to the city, At the entrance of the doors, she cries out: "To you, O men, I call, And my voice is to the sons of men.

Isa 1:3 "An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."

Prov 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all things.

It is not what people think of us that counts, it is what God thinks. Whether people hate you or they clap for you makes no difference. It is what the Lord thinks of you that matters, and it is the only thing that matters.

1 Cor 3:10-15 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

You can have the things of the heavens in your life, or the dust of the earth, the choice is always yours.

“is” estin = pres-act-ind of the verb to be.

Present Tense = He keeps on being

Active Voice = God and only God produces the action of the verb

Indicative Mood = this is a dogmatic statement of fact

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, ...let your mind dwell on these things.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 21:22 You follow Me!

Num 23:19 "God is not a man,that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

1 Sam 15:29 And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

It is His will that we be gracious with our time, talent and treasure. Mal 3:8-14

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Everything that could injure the fruits of the land (the fruits of your spiritual life) God will take away. He will rebuke the devourer which is here like locust (the KOD; Rev 9:3), so called from their insatiable voracity.

Shikkeel, to cast or miscarry, is affirmed of the vine, when it has set a good quantity of grapes, which perish and drop off before they ripen. It is His will that we serve others and not ourselves. Mat 20:26-28

When you finally come to a point in your system of thinking, where "all" of God's will is true, perfect, and wonderful, then you will finally see these passages on service, sacrifice, laying down ones life; come to life for you.

Act 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

This system of thinking, this thinking of the Unique One of the universe, produces in the believer the beginning glimpses of the incredible happiness that comes from sharing the happiness of God.

It reminds me of something our Lord said about faith. All we need is faith the size of a mustard seed. Mat 13:31-32; Mat 17:19-21

Mat 13:31-32 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all

other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.

Mat 17:19-21 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.

What are the rods in your life? What part of your will will you not let go of?

Wealth, success, fame, respect, marriage, material goods, worldly knowledge, chemicals, worldly honors, and everything else that is "under the sun" (example: Solomon).

Pro 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.

Heb 10:17 "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Qal active participle of yare = to respect and deeply revere. The Qal is a common present tense, and the active voice tells us that we make this decision to respect and revere God.

Isa 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

The common use of the piel stem is as an intensification of the action of the verb. This is not just saying, "bless you Lord", this is the result of an intense relationship with Him.

"This verb primarily denotes the favorable relationship between object and subject. Rather than focus on ritual or magical utterances, the function of the verb in most of the contexts it appears in is to express the sentiment of gratitude or honor."

It is God's will that we be humble in heart, not desiring promotion, but waiting for the Lord to promote us when it is His will.

Remember Psa 103:13 Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

For the Christian soldier there is great reward and honor as well as intense joy in carrying through with his calling to glorify God.

It is part of the basic rules of the conflict: all God's grace and the manifestations thereof will be opposed by the enemy.

But greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world, 1Jo 4:4. Do not lose heart... carry on for your reward is great!

1 Joh 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

It was customary in the ancient world to send out dinner invitations and then when the dinner was ready, the host would then send out his slaves to personally tell the invited guests that it was time for the feast.

After you accept the invitation of the Lord, it will take time before your feast is ready, be patient and wait on His timing.

These guests accepted the first invitation, but when the slaves came to tell them the dinner was ready they all began to make excuses.

God's timing may not always match your timing. But when He calls you must drop whatever it is you're doing and go. Our own cross means suffering: 2Co 4:11

2Co 4:11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

There is a joy in participation in His sufferings and the suffering of the Cross when you are assured of its fruit in your life, and in the lives of others.

Paul tells us in 2Co 4:16 that our inward man (the new creature) is renewed day by day; "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day."

Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

The likeness of the Lamb of God in us will be manifested when we live for others and not for ourselves.

Luk 23:34, "But Jesus was saying, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'"

There is providential preventative suffering for learning obedience, self-discipline, and enforced and genuine humility.

This will include people testing, thought testing, system testing, and disaster testing, on behalf of Christ, 2Co 12:10.

God is after the inner change, or that inward reality in all of our lives, before He expects us to serve and honor Him, Psa 51:6, "Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom."

God's plan calls for us to pursue truth in the perception, metabolization and application of His word, there is no shortcut to happiness.

This comes from the greek verb oikodomeo = to edify (Eph 4:12)  
Oikia = house, Domeo = to build

1 Cor 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The believer learns grace orientation through his consistent daily intake of bible doctrine. He has learned how gracious God has been to him and so now he can apply that grace to others as well as himself.

When things go wrong with the details of life, he does not become miserable or lose heart. 2 Tim 2:4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

This is produced by the integrity developed from the first two floors and now his complete trust in his Lord and Savior produces and wonderful relaxed mental attitude.

Category one love is personal love for God  
Category two love is love for right man right woman.  
Category three love is love in friendship.

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Job 1:8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

“So therefore” - Houtos oun = So to be sure. Oun is here an emphatic or intensive particle.

“all” – dative plural of pasin = all, everything

“possesses” – present active participle of huparcho = everything you have (your will).