

# Greater Grace

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## Personal Reflection

*Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:*

*Needfulness & inadequacy are not aspects of life that humans readily accept. They are certainly not ones that most people will openly discuss. This is both unfortunate & self-destructive because everyone has shortcomings & is in need of grace.*

*Grace is a gift from God. It is blessing from Him that we can neither earn nor deserve. Life, relationships, opportunity, strength in the midst of hardship & hope for the future are all the result of God's immeasurable grace. He gives this grace freely & without limit because He loves its recipients.*

*The gift of grace does not & should not end with us. There are millions of people in this world that are created in the image of God but are unaware of His deep love & desire to rescue them from sin. As a recipient of God's saving & sustaining grace, you can either be a bearer of it to others or a barrier to them seeing, hearing & experiencing first hand, what it means to be forgiven.*

*Is your present way of life (attitudes, motives & actions) confirming or denying God's willingness to meet people where they are, with the truth they need, so that through Jesus Christ, they can become more than they ever could have conceived?*

*There is without a doubt, room & need for greater grace to manifest in the lives of God's people. Prayerfully ask Him to make you a grace bearer to the world around you. Ask Him to reveal areas in your life where you have inadvertently hindered or been a barrier to others experiencing the grace that God wants to demonstrate through you. In thankfulness, express your love & devotion to God for saving you from condemnation.*

### I. Recipients Of Grace

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### II. Failure To Extend Grace

Matthew 18:32-35

v. 32

Forgiven Much

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v. 33

Reasonable Expectation

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v. 34-35

Consequence & Duty

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### III. Grace: Bearers or Barriers

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