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Good to Great in God's Eyes

1. I should aspire to be great in God's eyes, becoming the greatest Christian I can be. *Luke 22:24-27 NLT*

George Whitfield - "Oh God make me a Great Christian".

D.L. Moody - "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God's help, I aim to be that man."

Luke 22:24-27 NLT Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.

2. God doesn't call me to mediocrity.

Jesus wasn't mediocre, and we are called to become like him.

Romans 8:29 NLT

Jim Collins - "Good is the enemy of great."

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Luke 10:27 NIV "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

3. I accomplish my greatness by grace.

Philippians 4:13 NLT For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 2:13 NLT For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

4. Growth will demand that I examine my thought life.

Proverbs 23:7 NASB *For as a man thinks within himself, so he is.*

5. I must become disciplined to be the best Christian I can be.
Hebrews 12:11(NLT) ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Good to Great In God's Eyes Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving me. For saving me by faith and grace alone. Now Lord, help me to respond to your great love by offering myself to you. Give me the strength and courage to discipline my thought life, my scripture reading and study, my ability to say no to the things that may be good but are not best for me. To move from being good to becoming great in your eyes. Help me to be the greatest me I can be.

In Jesus Name, Amen