

THE *Spirit of Life*

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The greatest is the servant of all

Human nature is to strive for greatness, to become number one, to be the best, to work our way up the corporate ladder, to have the best seat, to be recognized by others, to be first and better than others.

The spiritual nature, which is our born again nature, is just the opposite of human nature. Even though a Christian has much to boast about, having God as our Father, being a part of Christ's body, having angels as servants, being heirs of eternal life, having the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts, chosen by God, representing God in the earth, being saints of God, gifted by God, and possessors of covenants and promises of God. We did not have to strive for these things. They were freely given to us. We just take God at His word and thank Him for it. He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ, and we receive them by faith.

But unlike human nature, which starts at the bottom and works up, the spiritual man starts at the top and works down. Though we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, we humble ourselves, as Christ did. We make ourselves of no reputation, esteeming others as better than ourselves.

We die daily that life may come to others. We live as strangers in this earth. We make ourselves servants of all men. We love our enemies. We pray for those who speak evil of us. We go without that others may have. We live to make others better. We save the best seat for others. We pray in secret so that no one sees. We give in secret. We make ourselves the least, for in God's Kingdom, the last is the greatest.

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