

V. RELY ON THE **HOLY SPIRIT** (1:65-80)

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:26

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8:11

VI. MAKE JESUS **LORD** (1:25-56)

“9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Romans 10:9-13

**ARE YOU LIVING A GREAT LIFE
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD?**

“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord,…” Luke 1:15a

**THE GREATEST (John The Baptist)
The Greatness Of John’s Parents
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INTRODUCTION

A. In sports there’s an acronym used to describe the greatest of all time. It’s the phrase “G.O.A.T.” It stands for the GREATEST OF ALL TIME. It is common for fans to argue over who is the greatest of all time in the various sports. But whose the greatest person ever born...the G.O.A.T. when it comes to everyone who has ever lived? Well, in this area there is no debate. Jesus made it clear that John the Baptist was “THE GREATEST,” the true G.O.A.T.

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he” Matthew 11:11

B. What made John stand out that Jesus singled him out as the greatest? There were six great qualities that made John so great. In THE GREATEST teaching series you will learn how to live a great life by adding John’s six qualities to your life. This seven part series features the following messages:

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| Sep 22 | The Greatness Of John’s Humilty |
| Sep 29 | The Greatness Of John’s Courage |

God has called all of us to greatness so plan now to attend this series as much as possible.

C. Text: Luke 1:5-90 (Pew Bible/Page 1003/New Testament)

THE GREATNESS OF JOHN'S PARENTS

I. DO THE **RIGHT** THING (1:5-6)

"16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." James 4:17

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9

II. KEEP ON **PRAYING** (1:7-13)

"pray without ceasing," I Thessalonians 5:17

"But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

"Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words." Daniel 10:12

"14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:14-15

III. **BELIEVE** GOD'S WORD (1:14-20)

"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." I Thessalonians 2:13

"8For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

IV. LEARN FROM **FAILURES** (1:21-25, 56-64)

"For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity." Proverbs 24:16

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I John 1:8-9

"11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 26:11-12

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,"

Philippians 3:13

"28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Proverbs 8:28-29