



## He Must Become Greater!

Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Text: John 3:22-30

**Passage Summary:** As we learn and grow in what it means to become a God glorifying \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ, the life and ministry of John the Baptist is a great place to \_\_\_\_\_; for as Jesus would say of him...

*"I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;"*  
**Matthew 11:11**

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ praise for the \_\_\_\_\_ witness that seeks to wholly serve and glorify His Name! (3:22-30)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to a humble witness for Christ, it is summarized well in the words of John the Baptist in verse 30...

- "He must become \_\_\_\_\_; I must become \_\_\_\_\_!" (v.27-30)

### See what makes the witness of John the Baptist uncommon and impactful...

He understood that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_! (v.27)

*"To this John replied, 'A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.'"*  
**John 3:27**

*"What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"*  
**1 Corinthians 4:7**

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect."*  
**1 Corinthians 15:10**

He understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of an unwavering \_\_\_\_\_  
for Christ! (v.28)

*"You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.'"*  
**John 3:28**

*"I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."*  
**John 1:34**

*"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."*  
**James 3:16**

He understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of true \_\_\_\_\_! (v.29)

*"The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete."*  
**John 3:29**

He understood \_\_\_\_\_ highest \_\_\_\_\_! (v.30)

*"He must become greater; I must become less."*  
**John 3:30**

*"He must increase, but I must decrease."*  
**John 3:30, NASB**

**Remember:** When it comes to a humble witness for Christ, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ enabled byproduct of a growing knowledge and understanding of the person and the work of \_\_\_\_\_!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that the time has come to embrace a higher calling for your life and ministry, not one that has as its aim making a \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself, but one that takes great joy in making much of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ; in the words of John the Baptist, "He must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30)

*"When I am gone, don't talk about William Carey; talk about William Carey's Savior. I desire that Christ alone might be magnified."*  
**William Carey**