

**Majoring on the Majors!**  
**Part 1: Intimacy w/God!**  
*Slide Notations*

**We are living in very distracting times!**

**Distractions include... A devolving religious system!** Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil... Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe to them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which excuse the wicked for reward, and take away justice from the righteous! Because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, despising His word, the anger of the Lord is kindled against His people... **Is5.20**

**An irreparable economic system!** If we went back today to the basic principles of fiscal management/founded on... Would still face a recession/depression. Crash is now necessary/right the boat!

**An unresponsive political system!** Both parties failing to listen to majority of Americans, leading us into frustration! Neither paying attention to the Word, leading us into bonds!

**The end times scenario does not include the presence of a powerful player like America!**

**So how will we fare? By majoring on Bible majors and getting our eyes on the prize!**

**The Minor-Major! Money!** “Least of all the things on earth... and yet it has the power to restrict the flow of everything important!” **Lk16.9-15** Need to get this minor-Major in its place, *soon...* The tithe is the beginning of taming your money and establishing your covenant! And the prescription for healthy church!

Believers who purposely decide to not tithe are counting on God’s mercy... And forgetting His justice! Mistakenly living under “His grace is sufficient for me...” **2Cor 12.9** Verse is a promise of favor in midst of right suffering for kingdom sake! Not an “excuse” but an “assurance!”

**The Major-Major! Intimacy with God! Getting to know the Major-General! Making Him “First and Most!” Everything of value and beauty flows from drawing near to Him!**

“it is good to draw near to God: to put my trust in the Lord, that I may declare all His works.” **Ps 73.28**

“It is good to get close to the Lord, to make Him my shelter so that I might enumerate and celebrate all His workings!”

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Reach for Him for the right reasons and cleanse your minds, you double minded...” **Jam 4.8**

**Of Drawing Near... The Presentation...** A fearful idea that stops many/approach! “present yourselves a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to the Lord” **R12.1** “as a chaste virgin to Christ” **2C11.2** “glorious, w/o spot or wrinkle” **E5.12** “holy, unblameable, unproveable” **Col1.22** “every man perfect” **v27** “living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world” **Tit 2.12** “faultless” **Jude 1.24**

**The Presentation...** We instinctively know that drawing near to a Holy God, who reads the innermost thoughts of our hearts, who sees the beginning and the end... w/the measure being “holy, glorious, chaste, unblameable, etc...” Not going to turn out well for us!

**Good News...** We were made righteous for presentation by the Lamb of God who took away all our sins! **2C5.21 R3.22,5.19** In Christ we have boldness and access w/confidence... to enter into the holiest place of His presence! **E3.12 H10.19**

**Good News...** Presenting ourselves to a Holy God as beings who are “perfect as He is...” **Mt5.48** Has nothing to do w/our modern idea of perfection... Smooth as glass/flawless/no zits! Jesus was the only One sinless! **H4.15** Presenting ourselves “perfect” means “growing, maturing, coming of age...” While remembering our Judge is not fooled...

“The Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” **1Sam 16.7**

**Paul made it!** In my flesh there is no good thing! O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Romans 7.24,25** “Wretched:” not a problem w/self esteem! Low self esteem is not same as humility! Man/Woman w/o Christ, nothing good! Any of us w/o Christ: wretched again!

**Out of the abundance of the heart, we speak... talk like that only flows from a mature heart... and that kind of heart is only developed in nearness to God...**

“I haven’t obtained it all yet, haven’t arrived at “perfect,” but I’m running hard after the prize!” **Phil 3.12-15**

“I wouldn’t dare to make myself to be ‘someone,’ or compare myself to others who do, because... measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, they are not wise.” **2Cor10.12**

**John made it!** I, John, your brother & companion in the tribulation & kingdom & patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island called Patmos for the word of God & for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day! **Rev 1.9,10** Can’t get some Christians to worship if too hot, cold, wet, dry, wrong speaker/songs... Worship any way because He’s worthy! Worship is a maturity issue...

**Worship of that order only comes from maturity and that kind of maturity is only developed in nearness to God...**

“Love not the world or the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him!” **1J2.15**

**(Even) Peter made it!** Beloved, don’t think it’s strange that you have “smelting experiences” as though some strange thing happened to you: Rejoice, you’re in it w/Christ and for you it’s a spiritual refining process; with glory and joy right around the corner! **1P4.12,13** This is a guy who knows something about the sifting work of the devourer...

**And the restoration that happens only in intimate nearness to God!**

“He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness, thru knowledge of Him, thru great and precious promises that make us able to be partakers of His divine nature...” **1P1.3,4**  
“And I will not be negligent to keep striking the truth in you so that you are turned resolutely near to the truth! It is my holy service... **v12,13** “as long as I am alive to fully arouse you by reminding you... knowing that I will shortly be leaving you as the Lord has said to me... **v13,14** “so all the more I will give earnest and speedy diligence to this work so that after I am gone these things will endure in your minds... **v15**

**How do we draw near? First step:** The Presentation of ourselves, with confidence that we are accepted in the Beloved! *Salvation opened the way!* With a willingness to accept everything God says! *Way stays open by obedience!* Pressing toward a “perfection” (a heart, true worship and restoration) forged in a deep intimacy with God!

**Though our God actually is perfect, we don’t hesitate to draw near to Him, knowing He has paid the way to draw near to us!**