

IT'S COMPLICATED

Part 5: Becoming Bigger

BECOMING MORE/BIGGER THAN YOU CURRENTLY ARE

A. Qualities of an authentic person

1. Be true to yourself; Honest, trustworthy living by a code of morals/values
2. Treat people with kindness and respect; no one wants to be treated like garbage
3. Live in the moment/be a great listener; giving attention to those you are with

B. Qualities of a spiritually authentic person

1. Be true to your true self: We have been changed spiritually
2. Live inside of God's relational principles (*James 1:19 NIV*)

A GREAT BIGGER PERSON EXAMPLE

A. Naaman had to have been a respectful man (*2 Kings 5:1-4 NKJV*)

1. He was not dismissive of a person with virtually no status
2. This slave cared enough about Naaman to want to see him healed

B. He was certainly human and not a passive one at that (*2 Kings 5:9-15 NKJV*)

1. Angry that his expectations were not met
2. Proudful in that his rivers were better
3. Almost allowed his feelings to have the last word

C. Naaman was willing to listen and make adjustments

1. His servants felt as if they could approach him - without punishment
2. He again listened to less "powerful" people

D. He took the time to be grateful

1. Brought everyone back to show honor to the God who healed him

BECOMING THAT BIGGER PERSON - BIGGER PEOPLE ARE . . .

A. Honoring/Respectful to others

1. Jesus treated all people with respect and we can follow His lead (*Philippians 2:3 NIV*)
2. This is not putting ourselves down, just lifting others up

B. Approachable and Adjustable (*Ephesians 4:32*) NIV

1. Kind people are easy to approach
2. Making adjustments is a key to growing bigger as a person

C. Grateful (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*) NIV

1. The grateful are living on the strong side of life