

You can Be Great

I heard some-one say that if you are going to do something then you might as well be good at it; and if you are going to be good at it you might as well be great at it. I love watching people who are great at what they do, be it a comedian, a chef, a golfer, or a shop keeper, or a mother with her children. They all have something in common. They make ordinary everyday activities look great.

It is in doing ordinary things well that greatness develops.

Lou Holtz said 'I can't believe that God put us on this earth to be ordinary'.

William Shakespeare said 'Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them'. I believe that we are all born great, and that we all have greatness thrust upon us, and we can all achieve greatness in our lives.

It is what we do with our life that makes the difference. Jesus pointed out that greatness comes with serving others. You don't set out to be great, you just do what you do to the best of your ability with single-minded passion, then as you mature and improve in time, you move, as Jim Collins writes, from good to great.

Our world needs great people doing great things. Can I inspire you to be among them?

As Bishop of Liverpool for 20 years the great J.C. Ryle retired and shortly after passed away on June 10th 1900.

Hobson was the ordinary preacher at the provisional cathedral for the afternoon service on Sunday, June 17th. Ryle, he said, 'was great through the abounding grace of God. He was great in stature; great in mental power; great in spirituality; great as a preacher and expositor of God's most holy Word; great in hospitality; great in winning souls to God; great as a writer of Gospel tracts; great as an author of works which will long live... great as first Bishop of Liverpool. I am bold to say that perhaps few men in the nineteenth century did so much for God, for truth, for righteousness, among the English speaking race and in the world as our late bishop'.

Great people inspire me, we are surrounded by them. If you are a late starter or somehow have messed up your life, why not start again? Jesus also said 'But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name'. (John 1:12). You can be born-again great. I tell my people that it does not matter how many times they have to start again, just go out in a great blaze of glory!

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