

John 3:23-30
"When He Increases"

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1. Introduction

a. John the Baptist's crowds started to decrease

b. Jesus disciples were baptizing more people than John (Jn 4:2)

c. Jn 1:19-24 John's testimony

- not the Christ

- not Elijah

- not that ^{one} prophesied by Moses

- John was the one crying in the wilderness (Is 40:3)

d. When Jesus increases, you will ~~see~~

2. Think Far Less of Myself

a. Rom 12:10 prefer one another

b. Give brotherly love

- Jn 3:30 He (Jesus) must increase

3. Less Competitive

a. John not in competition with Jesus - "I must decrease (3:30)

b. Old Testament example:

David & King Saul

- 1 Sam 18:6-8

* Saul killed his 1000's

* David killed his 10,000's

* Saul became angry & jealous

c. Lk ~~14~~¹⁴:26 cost of discipleship

- total commitment

- count the cost

4. Supreme Love (total love)
 - a. LK ~~14:27~~^{14:27} bear (carry) the cross of discipleship
 - total love for the Savior Jesus
 - b. LK 14:32 forsake (leave) all that you have
 - become Jesus' disciple
5. Consumed With Jesus Direction
 - a. Totally under your Lord Jesus Christ's commands
 - b. "Will of God" in Scripture
 - MK 3:31; Rom 1:10; 8:27; 12:2; 1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor 8:5; 1 Thess 4:3
6. Less Concerned With staying Home
 - a. More concerned with sending people out
 - b. Acts 13:1-3 church at Antioch sent out Barnabus & Saul
 - c. Acts 15:34, 40-41
 - Silas came from Jerusalem & stayed in Antioch
 - Paul chose Silas to go with him to visit the new Gentile churches

T. Conclusion

- a. Is Jesus becoming bigger & bigger in your life?
- b. Are your interests less about your wants & more about God's ministries?
- c. Remember John the Baptizer's saying (Jn 3:30)
 - He must increase
 - But I must decrease