

## BIG IS BETTER

Culturally, because of the prosperity and abundance we have there has become an underlying belief in most people's mind's that truly big is better – and that rich is better also. In addition, if these are apparently good, then big and rich must be of God and reflect the favor of God.

Biblically, this is not necessarily so. In Genesis 11, men in their own strength were erecting a massive tower (Babel) to reach the heavens. But, God confused them and the work stopped. God said, though, that nothing would be impossible for them if they continued to work in such agreement!

Genesis 11:6

*“And the LORD said, ‘Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.’”*

In Judges 7, Gideon was choosing men for an army and after the selection process, there were too many – because God wanted to deliver by only a few.

Judges 7:2

*“And the LORD said to Gideon, ‘The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, lest Israel become boastful, saying, My own power has delivered me.’”*

In Genesis 14, after covenant with Melchizedek, Abram meets the king of Sodom who tries to bless him. Abraham wisely refuses, indicating he didn't want to be associated with him. In Matthew 4, the devil tries to tempt Jesus (second temptation) by giving Him the whole world, if Jesus would worship him.

Matthew 4:9

*“and he said to Him, ‘All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me.’”*

Jesus, of course, refused, but many people haven't. They want the easy way and will use any method (theirs, another's, or any other) to achieve their goal. Unfortunately, any way other than the Lord's way is idolatry. You can build a big, successful reputation, ministry, business, etc. and without it being of God.

His way is above our way (Isaiah 55:9-11) and we are to be led by the Spirit (Romans 8:14). To rely on our thoughts or another man's thoughts results in a curse.

Jeremiah 17:5

*“Thus says the LORD, ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the LORD.’”*

The measure is not their size or their finances but their fruit (Matthew 7:20).