

## Great

### Ephesians 1:19 [KJ]

“ Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power...”

### Ephesians 1: 18-19 [NIV]

“...incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength...”

### Ephesians 1: 18-20 [NLT]

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[19] I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power [20] that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms”

## Greek word

### Megethos

Word Means: Great: Greatness: Mighty: Explosive: Beyond Measure

From the English word Megathon which means atomic explosion

**Think about the great explosive power of God**

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\* Paul prayed that hearts be flooded with revelation illumination so that understanding the confident hope we have received from God – that they and we could come to the understanding of the INCREDIBLE GREATNESS [Might - Explosive – Beyond Measure – MEAGATHON – Atomic Explosion] of God!

**The exceeding greatness of his power**

**The apostle is speaking of that power which surpasses all difficulties**

- \* Being Gods Power itself omnipotent
- \* It is the same power or energy which he wrought in Christ, when he raised his body from the grave

**According to the working of his Great mighty power**

Genesis 12:2

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing...”

- \* God told Abram that if he would leave the place that he is living – move out and on.
- \* If he would follow God and His commands
- \* God would bring His Greatness into not only his life but into generations to follow.

**Simply God Greatness would manifest if he would follow God**

\* And through the Greatness of God Abram’s name became Great Abraham the father of the generations

3.

**Greatness must become a mind-set thus becoming a way of life**

**Mindset**

An established set of attitudes

**King Zedekiah – Mindset**

2 Chronicles 36:11-15 (The Message)

“11-13 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he started out as king. He was king in Jerusalem for eleven years. As far as God was concerned, he was just one more evil king; there wasn't a trace of contrition in him when the prophet Jeremiah preached God's word to him.

Then he compounded his troubles by rebelling against King Nebuchadnezzar, who earlier had made him swear in God's name that he would be loyal. *He became set in his own stubborn ways—he never gave God a thought; repentance never entered his mind.*

14 *The evil mindset* spread to the leaders and priests and filtered down to the people—it kicked off an epidemic of evil, repeating the abominations of the pagans and polluting The Temple of God so recently consecrated in Jerusalem.

- \* This king is Gods eyes was an evil king
- \* No trace of contrition [repentance] was in his life
- \* When the Prophet Jeremiah Preached God’s Word to him.
- \* Thus this lead to this king making bad decisions
- \* The Bible tells us that king Zedekiah became set in his own stubborn ways – he never gave God a thought – repentance never entered his mind.

**His mindset was stubborn – and anti-repentant – anti-God**

**Because of this mindset the Bible tells us that** *“The evil mindset spread”*

- \* It spread to the leaders and the preachers and soon filtered down to the people.
- \* Get this – it kicked off an epidemic of evil!
- \* One mans mindset – one mans evil mind touched a nation!

4.

### Romans 12:2

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”

### Jeremiah 31:21

"Set up signposts to mark your trip home. Get a good map. Study the road conditions. The road out is the road back. Come back, dear virgin Israel, come back to your hometowns. How long will you flit here and there, indecisive? How long before you make up your fickle mind? God will create a new thing in this land: A transformed woman will embrace the transforming God!"

*‘The habits of a vigorous mind are formed in contending with difficulties. Great necessities call out great virtues’*

*Abigail Adams to her son John Quincy Adams – 6<sup>th</sup> President of the United States*

**Vigorous** - Meaning: Strong Healthy / Full on Energy / Growing Strongly  
From the word Vigor: meaning: Lively / Effort / Enthusiastic

\* The habits – the mindsets of a vigorous mind [strong, healthy, full of energy, lively, enthusiastic

\* They are formed in contending with situations [difficulties]

**Great necessities call out Great Virtues**

**Virtues** - Behavior showing high moral standards / a quality considered morally good or desirable in a person / virginity or chastity

From the Latin Word: Valor / Merit / Moral / Perfection

### Matthew 5:48 [Amplified]

“You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect”

### Mark 4:24 [Amplified]

“And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you--and more [besides] will be given to you who hear”

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**I am going to give you 4 G's for your life**

**Great Morals**

***Note: a great value system – you can't care more about the goals than the process]***

- \* Some limits must be set [Morals]
- \* They are a compass to keep us on track
- \* Rules set [must be set] / perimeters must be in place / moral boundaries will regulate your process.
- \* Sometimes we break them but they still bring you back to center – they bring you back on balance
- \* They keep you from leaning to far left or right – they keep you on track.
- \* Your Morals must be based upon Biblical Principles.

**Great Methods**

***[a goal without methods, without a plan will lead to frustration]***

- \* Great methods brings forth patient
- \* Sets you in place settings disciplines in your daily routine
- \* Makes you a great person – cause your fulfilling destiny and purpose
- \* Biblical Methods will birth lasting Abrahamic Seeds

**Great Means**

***[prepared, to take what you have and use it for Gods glory]***

- \* You must recognize your means – your gift will make room for you
- \* You give out and God will bless
- \* Biblical Means – I can do all things only through Christ – I will seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to me.
- \* Means is from an Indo-European word meaning MIND.
- \* Your mindset will always draw you to your means
- \* Its not what you don't have – its what you have now!

6.

### **Great Management**

*[much is given, much is required]*

- \* It aint over when God gives it to you – its is just beginning
- \* God will not give you new blessings to be handled with old ways

### **God has appointed times – appointments with destiny**

- \* Beyond the natural and the ordinary
- \* With that brings great attacks and obstacles
- \* You must have room in your life for Jesus

### **Great people make great time for the Lord in their life**

- \* If not things get going so well for so long we forget about the process that got us to that place.

### **Note: Great Management**

- \* If you carry it, you will not let it go down, you are not going to let it die
- \* If you are constant in the process, simply going and growing you will stay to the task – stay to the destiny.

### **Lamentations 3:23**

“...New every morning: great is thy faithfulness”

### **Conclusion**

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- \* In the face of difficulties, there is great hope in Jesus
  - \* We do not overcome difficulties through positive thinking or by minimizing or denying the situation
- Great necessities call out great virtues

**Great Virtues [morals / standards / mindsets] only come from one source, His name is Jesus. Do you know Jesus / Do you trust Jesus?**

7.

**Illustration** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\* Of the many gospel hymns written on the theme of God's goodness and faithfulness, this hymn stands out like a beacon of light.

\* While many hymns are born out of a particular dramatic experience, this hymn was simply the result of the author's morning by morning realization of God's personal faithfulness.

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky.

\* Without the benefit of high school or advanced training, he began his career as a schoolteacher at the age of sixteen, in the same country schoolhouse where he had received his elementary training.

\* When he was twenty-one, he became the associate editor of his hometown weekly newspaper, The Franklin Favorite.

Six years later he accepted Christ as his personal Savior during a revival meeting.

\* Later Chisholm was ordained to the Methodist ministry but was forced to resign after a brief pastorate because of poor health.

\* Chisholm retired in 1953 and spent his remaining years at the Methodist Home for the Aged, in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

In a letter dated 1941, Mr. Chisholm wrote:

"My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me until now, although I must not fail to record the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

**Illustration**

**Capt. Chesley Sullenburger [Sully] - [Flight 1549]**

**Miracle on the Hudson Pilot**

**Landed a disabled plane in the New York Hudson River saving 155 lives every person on the plane lived.**

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