Title: Game plan III – Greater Works

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John 14:12–13 (ESV) ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Prepared for great works - lay aside every weight

Hebrews 12:1 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight**, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance** the race that is set before us...

What is holiness? Laying aside every weight.

So what is holiness? To be free from distractions, ungodly passions, lusts and obsessions that control our lives and that keep us from obedience to God.

Holiness is a position of strength where we can more readily obey God for what He has called us to do.

2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT) ²¹ If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will <u>be clean</u>, and you will <u>be ready</u> for the Master to use you <u>for every good work</u>.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT) ²² <u>Run from anything</u> that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

- **Anything.** You define "anything".
- Lay aside every weight!

Jesus stepped into the boat

Luke 5:2-3 (NKJV) ² And saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. ³ Then **He got into one of the boats**, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

Luke 5:8 (NKJV) ⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Promises of the world

Which promises do we believe and hold onto? Our actions will show which we embrace the most.

Promises? The world promises fun, happiness and significance.

**Holiday? "Season to be jolly! Season of fun and happiness.."

**Money:

The promises of the world creates desires in our hearts that lead us astray:

James 1:14-15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, <u>brings forth death</u>.

• The "promises" of the world creates desires in our hearts... those desires draw us away...

Filling your time:

Shopping!

Food:

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because <u>that will ruin your life</u>. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

• Be filled with the Spirit, do not be filled with other stuff, because that will ruin your life.

Video store / Sport!

Whoever believes in Jesus – will do greater works

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Is there space for Jesus on our boats?