

Oaks of Righteousness
Growing Great Disciples
Isaiah 61:3

Part III
“The Heart’s Desire of a Great Disciple”

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.”
Isaiah 61:3b

1. The great desire of great disciples is to glorify God.
 - “his splendor”
 - John 17:4; Revelation 4:11; 5:1-9
 - Masterpiece works
 - The Mona Lisa: Leonardo DaVinci
 - The Sistine Chapel ceiling: Michelangelo
 - Starry Night: Vincent Van Gogh
 - Romeo & Juliet: William Shakespeare
 - A Christmas Carol: Charles Dickens
 - The Chronicles of Narnia: C.S. Lewis
 - God’s masterpiece (Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 2:10)
 - The Westminster Catechism of 1627: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.”
2. How we live our lives cannot add to God’s glory but it can magnify or distract from others’ perspective of God’s glory.
 - “for the display”
 - How we handle our trials (James 1:2-4)
 - How we handle our sin (Joshua 7:19)
 - How we handle our blessings (Luke 17:12-18)
 - The example of Christ (Hebrews 1:1-3)