

## **SPIRITUAL FAME**

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I have visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on several occasions. It is always a thrill for any football fan to walk those hallowed halls and see the busts of past football players who achieved greatness in their sport. These individuals did not get their fame by accident. They had well-defined goals and made full use of their talents. Hard work and single-minded devotion are characteristics of nearly every individual who achieves recognition in his field of labor.

Spiritual greatness and fame are recognized by God for these very same reasons. We do not become great in God's eyes by accident. We must place spiritual goals before us and use our talents in God's service. It takes hard work with a focused mind to achieve great things. The Bible recommends these things to achieve spiritual greatness:

**FAITH** – We cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Those individuals who achieved greatness in the Bible did so “by faith” (Hebrews 11). Believing God's word is where it all starts.

**HUMBLE SERVICE** – Jesus said, “Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant” (Mark 10:43). Those who are great in God's eyes are those who have learned how to serve others. The more humble service you give, the greater you become.

**DILIGENCE** – Persistent and continual effort for the Lord brings great reward (Hebrews 10:35). A “never-give-up” attitude is what is needed to reach the goals of a faithful child of God (2 Peter 1:5-11). Spoiled slackers will only end up in a hall of shame.

The inductions into God's eternal Hall of Fame will take place on the Judgment Day when our achievements, or lack thereof, will be examined. Work now for that Day!