

The Responsibility

The bigger the thing, the bigger the responsibility. Thus, one must prove himself capable of caring for a larger thing *before* being bestowed with it. This is the main point behind the Belgian quote, “He who does not wish for little things does not deserve big things.”

There are essentially two main reasons that someone would rather not have small things: greed or laziness. Let us discuss these to discover why the aforesaid quote is correct.

On the subject of greed: Many people are not content to only have little things. Rather than wishing to humbly continue on with what they already have, they seek to satisfy their carnal desires with larger things. Following their selfish wants, they think that by just having more impressive worldly objects, they will become more important and prominent in others’ eyes. They seek fulfillment in bigger things. If this then is the main motive behind their desire for larger affairs, they are not ready to receive them or the responsibilities that follow.

Proverbs 3:9 says to “Honour the Lord with thy substance.” Clearly, those searching to fulfill themselves in worldly things are not honouring God. Also, Philippians 4:11 says this: “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Those who have not learnt these simple Biblical principles are not well-equipped to handle large, more important duties. Namely, if their wish for big things rather than little things is out of greed, they are not ready to accept the responsibilities of them, and therefore are ill-suited for the task. In addition, confidence and experience are a few of the things acquired through working with small things and *gradually* moving up to larger goals. With big things comes the bigger obligation, which can overwhelm someone with no experience when taken on all at once

Second, there is the issue of laziness. Those who do not wish for little things because they do not want the duty that comes with it do not deserve bigger things; they would be lax in taking care for the responsibility. They don't even want to accept the responsibility of *small* things and therefore will not be able to care for larger affairs.

To receive bigger things, one must first prove himself worthy. The only way of doing that is to show effectiveness in caring for smaller responsibilities. Matthew 25:21, the Parable of the Five Talents, says that if one has been faithful over a few things, he will be made ruler over many things. Thus, those who do not even wish to *try* for little things cannot set their sights for larger matters.

Moreover, Luke 12:48 says, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Those who have bigger responsibilities will be held accountable by God for how they cared for them. Therefore, being bestowed with a larger thing requires discernment, altruism, and plain hard work: virtues that lazy people have not obtained.

For these reasons, bigger matters should be given to those who are ready and mature enough to handle the responsibilities.