



A glowing white cross is centered on a black background. The cross has a soft, ethereal glow around it. The text "God's Man" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the horizontal bar of the cross.

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**I. John Was Great In  
God's Eyes**

## **A. Cares Only For God's Approval**

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**42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;**

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**43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. *Jn.12***

- Many of Jesus' disciples and His apostles also left Him (*Jn.6:60, 66 and Matt.26:56*)

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## **B. Whose Approval Are We Looking For?**

- **We are not our own but belong to our Lord who bought us / *Cor.6:19-20***

- **Every saint has a duty to fulfill God's special mission in their lives *Matt.28:18-20***

- **Don't be hypocritical in filling this God given mission *Matt.23:27-28***

- **Let no one forget the powerful message given by Daniel to Belshazzar *Dan.5:23***



## **II. Exerts Strong Personal Discipline**

## A. John's Spirit Controls His Flesh

- John's faith was burning and active in filling God's purpose for his life *Lk.24:32*

**27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection**, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. *1 Cor.9*

- A "Cold faith" is a dead faith – sometimes it's called a "Just in case" faith *Matt.6:5*
- A "lukewarm faith" is a casual approach to God and His Will *Rev.3:15-17*

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## B. Does Our Flesh or Spirit Control Us?

- John rid himself of anything that might prevent him from his mission *Lk.1:15*

15 “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and **shall drink neither wine nor strong drink**. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.”

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- May I say something? *1 Thess.5:21-22*

- My fear is that some will allow alcohol to interfere with being God's man *1 Pet.5:8*

**“Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”**



**III. A Determination To  
Point To Jesus Christ**

## A. “He Must Increase But I Must Decrease”

- John did not hesitate to tell the Jewish messengers who he was not *Jn.1:19-21*

23 He said: “I am ‘**The voice of one crying in the wilderness**: “Make straight the way of the LORD,”’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” *Jn.1*

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29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**” *Jn.1*

34 “And I have seen and testified that **this is the Son of God.**” *Jn.1*

- When John’s disciples worry about Jesus’ popularity John points to Jesus *Jn.3:26-30*

## A. “He Must Increase But I Must Decrease”

## B. Do We Humbly Point To Jesus?

- People do not become great by pushing for the pinnacle *Matt.20:20-28*

**13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. *And they realized that they had been with Jesus.***

**- We become men and women of God by magnifying him in our lives *Gal.2:20***

A white dove is shown in flight against a solid black background. The dove's wings are spread wide, and its tail feathers are visible at the bottom. The lighting highlights the texture of the feathers, giving the dove a bright, ethereal appearance.

**John bore witness of the Light *Jn.1:6-8***

**16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” *Matt.5***

**If we fail to shine His light many will be lost!**