

# Less Than the Least

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of humility in our lives, highlighting its role in beautifying and preserving other graces.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 16:18, Matthew 23:12, Luke 14:11, Romans 12:3, Galatians 6:3, Ephesians 3:8, Philippians 2:3-4, Colossians 3:12, James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound humility of the Apostle Paul, who refers to himself as 'less than the least of all saints' in Ephesians 3:8. This double diminutive illustrates Paul's recognition of his own unworthiness and the importance of humility in the Christian life. Brooks argues that true greatness in God's eyes comes from self-abasement, especially in a time when pride and arrogance are prevalent among believers. He calls for a revival of the doctrine of humility, highlighting its role as both a beautifier and preserver of other virtues.

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## Transcript

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints."

Ephesians 3:8

"Less than the least of all saints," is a double diminutive, and signifies lesser than the least, if lesser might be. Here you have the greatest apostle descending down to the lowest step of humility. Great Paul is least of saints, last of the apostles, and greatest of sinners.

He who is little in his own account is great in God's esteem.

Humility is both the beautifier and preserver of all other graces.

If ever there were an age since Christ was on earth, wherein it

was needful to preach, press, and print this great doctrine of humility, of self-abasement, of soul-abasement--it is the age wherein we live. Oh the pride, the loftiness of the professors of this age!

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