

CHASING CARROTS - PART 1: ACCOLADES

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Andy Warhol said that “in the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes.” We may not think we crave fame but most of experience “micro-cravings” for accolades. We want to be known and given credit for things we’ve done. So, we set out on a pursuit to satisfy the cravings for accolades – only to find they don’t satisfy as we thought or hoped they would. Accolades fall short because they are almost always about me – and me as the motive always falls short. There is a different motive that matters and makes the difference – less of me and more of Jesus.

READ JOHN 1:29-30; 3:22-30

- Have you ever been “starstruck” by someone famous?
- How would you rate your desire to be famous?
- What are some ways and areas you seek or pursue accolades?
- Why do you think John identifies Jesus as someone who will be far greater than him?
- What are some ways it would have been easy for John to jockey for position/fame with Jesus?
- Why do you think John’s followers were troubled that people were coming to Jesus instead of them?
- What perspective do you think John was communicating when he said he was ONLY to prepare the way for the Messiah?
- What are some ways we are tempted to minimize our role because we don’t perceive it to be as important as another’s role?
- What are some ways society and others around us tempt us to chase the carrot for fame/accolades?
- How does pointing people to Jesus reduce the pressure for fame/accolades?
- What next step will you take to become less so Jesus can become greater?

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