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## **LITTLE PEOPLE WITH BIG ROLES IN GOD'S PLAN**

*“Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is lightning that does the work.” –Mark Twain*  
*“He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour...” –Proverbs 11:12a*

### **1. Who are ‘Little People’?**

Those we rank as lower in **social** status than ourselves. Examples are:

- servants/domestic staff
- subordinates in the office, juniors in the ministry(church)
- children/relatives
- the poor, the sick, the handicapped
- prostitutes
- etc

### **2. Main Bible Text**

The Miracle of the Healing of Naaman [2 Kings 5: 1-14]

Note the following:

- It was the **maid**(a war captive from Israel) to Naaman’s wife who preached to the household of Naaman about Elisha’s healing ministry[**vv. 2-3**]
- It was Naaman’s **servants** who persuaded him to have the stream bath that led to his being healed of his leprosy [**vv. 11-14**].

### **3. More Examples**

- (a) Pharaoh’s chief **butler**[**Gen. 41:1-14**]
- (b) Baby Moses’ **little sister** [**Exodus 2:1-10**]
- (c) Moses’ **father-in-law**, Jethro [**Ex. 18: 13-24**]
- (d) Rahab, **the harlot** [**Joshua 2:1-21**]
- (e) Ruth’s **mother-in-law**, Naomi [**Ruth 4:6-18**]
- (f) Egyptian servant of an Amalekite master [**1 Sam. 30: 9-15**]
- (g) The 4 **lepers** [**2 Kings 7:1-7**]
- (h) Mordecai, the **gatekeeper**[**Esther 2:5-8, 21-23; 4:1-17**]
- (i) Queen Esther’s **chambermaids** [**Esther 4:16;7:9-10**]
- (j) Elihu, the **lad**[**Job 32:1-10**]
- (k) Ebedmelech, **the Ethiopian** [**Jeremiah 38: 6-13**]
- (l) The lad with 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish [**John 6:2-9**]
- (m) Mary Magdalene who was **delivered of seven demons**[**Luke 8:2; 24:10 John 20:1-2**]
- (n) Rhoda, a housemaid in the house of Mary, the mother of John [**Acts 12: 11-16**]
- (o) Paul’s **nephew** [**Acts 23:12-22**]

#### 4. Lessons for true believers

- (a) Those who find themselves in leadership positions should be the most humble[**Mark 9:35-37; John 13:13-16**]
- (b) Don't look down on anybody because that person you slight may be the key to God's answering your prayer [**Gen. 50:15-20**]
- (c) Never underestimate your ability to witness for Christ because it is not by your power but by the Holy Spirit [**2 Cor. 3:5; Acts 2:18; Gal. 1:11-12; 1 Cor. 2:4; Rom. 1:16-17**]
- (d) **Today is the beginning of the rest of your life. So, start witnessing today, now!** [**Acts 9:17-20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Heb. 3:13**]