

“I Want to Thank all the Little People” Jesus or Hollywood?

There is an urban legend about a remark supposedly made by an actress in an acceptance speech at the Academy Awards, “I want to thank all the little people who helped make this possible.” Actually, the diminutive Paul Williams made the remark in 1977 as a parody, “I was going to thank all the little people, but then I remembered I am the little people.”

Nevertheless, the remark has been used as a joke by a number of comedians to mock the self-absorbed nature of many in the entertainment industry. What can we take away from this much cited urban legend? When we compare the culture of Hollywood with the culture of Christ we discover that Hollywood is not alone

Hollywood is the World

- I John 2:15-16 and Genesis 3:5-6
- The Problem of “self” (Lk. 9:23)
- Boasting (Jer. 9:23-24; Rom. 3:27-28)

Every Person is a Little Person

- Isaiah 6:1-5
- Job 38:1-3; 40:3-5
- Romans 3:23
- The humility of grace (Gal. 6:14; I Cor. 15:10a)

There are no Little People

- We were made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27).
- The Cross (Jn. 12:32)
- God’s children (I Jn. 3:1)
- The invitation of Jesus (Matt. 11:28-30)

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