



## Your Created Goodness

Discovering and Embracing One's Self-Worth;  
Realizing One's Sense of Being Valued

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## WII-FM

Time to turn on  
and Tune In

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### Magnanimity:

- "a great-souled person
- **OED:** "Great in courage; nobly brave or valiant. High-souled; nobly ambitious; lofty of purpose; noble in feeling or conduct....nobly ambitious spirit."
- **Latin, *magnus*** – large, great; plus *animus* – mind, soul.

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**Pusillanimity:**

- "a small-souled person"
- **Random House Webster's Dictionary:**  
"lacking courage or resolution; cowardly;  
faint-hearted; a cowardly spirit."
- **Latin, pusillus**, very small, petty;  
plus *animus*, spirit, soul.

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"God created man in his image;  
in the divine image he created him;  
male and female he created them . . .  
God looked at everything he had made,  
and he found it very good..."

Genesis 1:27, 31

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- ❖ *I am* created in God's own image  
and likeness;
- ❖ *I am* created very good;
- ❖ *I am* created to do great things –  
*great things.*

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**Summa Theologica:**

Magnanimity makes a man deem himself worthy of great things in consideration of the gifts he holds from God...

On the other hand, humility makes a man think little of himself in consideration of his own deficiency...Yet humility makes us honor others and esteem them better than ourselves, in so far as we see some of God's gifts in them.

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**Pusillanimity** means 'smallness of soul;' its 'faintheartedness' shrinks back in the face of challenge and difficulty. Its main effect is inaction...

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...a fear-filled defect of the fainthearted that causes men and women to bury their gifts and talents... cringe from their own greatness more than from their own littleness; they are more afraid to let their own light shine than they are of the looming darkness.

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**Magnanimity** is a wholehearted readiness to attempt the great acts of virtue to which we are called, however impossible or daunting the task may seem and however much the attempt may 'stretch' us.

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**Prayer of Spring**

"I live with a stronger hope  
for the possibilities that lie hidden  
within things, situations, and people."

Fr. Charles Cummings, OCSD

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- **Comfort Zone** is safe, secure, comfortable and no significant accomplishments occur in the Comfort Zone.
- **Risk Zone** is a stretch, its risky, but is only are where any accomplishments will occur.

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**Rev. Kenneth Hildebrand**

"Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes; lesser ones exist on wishes and inclinations. The most glowing successes are but reflections of an inner fire."

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"They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary; walk and not grow faint"

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

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"For look, the wicked bend their bows;  
they set their arrows against the  
strings to shoot from the shadows at  
the upright in heart."  
Psalm 11:2 (NIV)

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**In summary:**

*Magnanimity* "is a wholehearted  
readiness to attempt the great acts of  
virtue to which we are called,  
however impossible or daunting the  
task may seem and however much  
the attempt may 'stretch' us."

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**Reach  
Stretch  
Soar!**



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