

MORE THAN MOST

Nehemiah 7:2

We should pursue a passion for God more than most

I. HANANIAH WAS PROVEN

- A faithful man

A. RELIABLE

- He was not distracted or deserting

B. EXPERIENCED

- As the commander of the castle

C. VIRTUOUS

- Honest in his dealings and conscientious in his work

II. HANANIAH WAS PIOUS

- A God-fearing man

A. A MAN OF CONVICTION

- Having a holy regard for the ways and things of God

B. A SERIOUS WORSHIPPER

- Standing in awe of God

C. A DEVOTED FOLLOWER

1. With conduct like Job - Job 1:1
2. With character like Noah - Gen. 6:9
3. With commitment like Caleb - Num. 14:24
4. With courage like David - I Sam. 17:26, 45-46

III. HANANIAH WAS PROMINENT

- A man with attributes more than many

A. EXCELLING OTHERS

1. More faithful and godlier than most
2. He is noteworthy, admirable, distinguished

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B. ABNORMAL ...

1. He was unique
2. Are we willing to be odd?

C. WHAT ABOUT YOU IS NOTEWORTHY?

1. What do others notice about you?
2. What are you striving to be better at?

IV. **HANANIAH WAS PROMOTED**

- A man put in charge of Jerusalem

A. NOW COREGENT OF THE CAPITAL

- Having excelled with some responsibility he was given more

B. HIS CONSISTENCY PREPARED HIM FOR PROMOTION

- His conduct and character were what really mattered

C. AS A GODLY LEADER, NEHEMIAH RECOGNIZED GODLY LEADERS

CONCLUSION:

What do others notice about us?

- May it be our ambition to be faithful and God-fearing