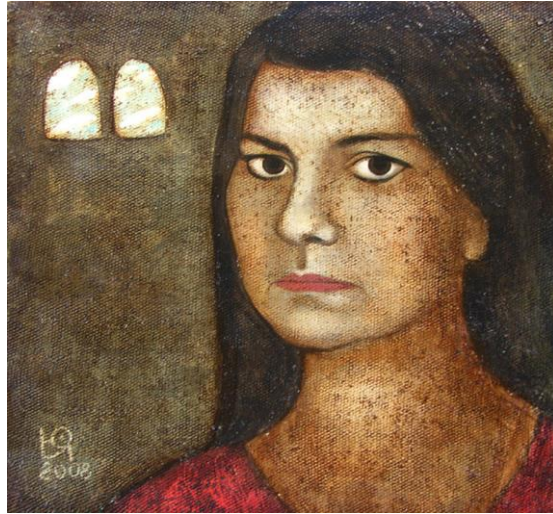


# **HIGHLY GIFTED....**

## **PITIFULLY PETTY**



Satan has a favorite technique for undermining those who are highly gifted by the Spirit of God:  
He inspires them with the most absurd pettiness.

Instead of allowing slights and insults to wash over them in the Holy Mercy of the Spirit,

They become indignant, irritated...

...allowing vanity to drain them of the Spirit's power.

***For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him.***

*Romans 12*

If I am crucified with Christ....

If my name is hidden in his....

.... what does it matter if I am demeaned, misunderstood, ignored?

He must increase.

I must decrease.

**For the more I decrease,  
the more his redemptive power can work through me.**



**To the glory of God alone.**

*Prayer: Merciful Lord, we bring our pettiness before you. Help us to let it go. Bring us to the point that when we are slighted, insulted, unappreciated, forgotten, misunderstood, demeaned...that we stop obsessing on it. Yes, help all these to wash over us, drawing us into your redemptive love and power instead. Keep our hearts soft and not bitter towards those who look down on and demean us. We confess that our self-focus, our bitterness, our defensiveness take up too much space in our minds and hearts .... pushing you aside, separating us from your comfort, from your mercy, and from your very presence. We confess that they keep us from pouring forgiveness and blessing on those who hurt us. Oh, help us to stop drawing defensive lines. Help us to continue loving those who insult us as you love them. Help us to allow your goodness, your mercy, your comfort to occupy the spaces in our hearts and minds taken up by pettiness. Amen.*

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