

might feel ashamed. How good are ~~in~~ you in playing baseball? How fast can you run? How attractive a personality do you have? How bright ^{is} your mind? How quickly can you grasp things? How well can you memorize? How good are the marks you can get in classes? Think of any one of these or any one of a hundred other qualities, the possession of more or less of which has the effect of making us proud, or making us feel inferior. Take any one of these qualities and arrange all the people of the U.S. in order from the one who possesses it to the greatest degree to the one who has the least, and I am ready to guarantee you that on any one of these qualities every one in our present group will be ~~s~~ very very far from the bottom, and also very far from the top. On any quality that you name there are millions in the U.S. are far inferior to you. Why should you ever have an inferiority complex? On any quality you name millions are far superior to you. Why should you ever feel proud of what you have or what you can do? You are just like a blade of grass that grows up and the wind passes over it and it is gone. What is man that you should be mindful of him? The heathen king Nebuchadnezzar is reported ^{lives} and I turned to him and blessed and honored Him who is to live forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion

Everyone of us is intrinsically insignificant. Apart from God's revelation every one of us is about as important as a speck of dust that you kick off as you walk along, or a blade of grass that grows up, looks pretty and then is trampled on by a dog, or disappears when the wind passes over it.

Yet there == This first feature is very important and very true and every one of us should realize it -- how insignificant we are. Yet there is a second equally important feature - how very important we are in God's sight. You are insignificant, yes. Also, you are important in God's sight. This is a staggering thought. It is one that is hard for a human being when he thinks of