**GREATNESS IS SERVING**

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**Mark 10:42-45 NLT**

So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. **Time**

**I John 2:17 NLT**

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

**Matthew 19:26 NLT**

Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

**2 Timothy 2:4 NLT**

Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

1. **Qualifications**

Other Unqualified People Used by God:

· **Moses**

**Exodus 4:10 NLT**

But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words.

I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me.

I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”

**Exodus 4:13**

This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

· **Paul** persecuted the Church.

· **David** was the youngest son and too young.

· **Abraham** was too old.

· **Rahab** was a harlot.

· **Jacob** was a liar and deceiver.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.

” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

1. **Abilities**

· **Availability -**most important ability to possess.

**I Corinthians 12:12-17 NKJV**

**Colossians 3:23 NLT**

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**I Peter 4:10 NLT**

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

**Ephesians 4:12 NLT**

Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

1. **We Are All Called To Serve**

**Hebrews 6:10 NLT**

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers,as you still do.

**Galatians 6:10 NLT**

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to

everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

**James 2:17 NLT**

So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

**John 2:1-10 NKJV**