Positioned to Make A Mark PT12 The Making of GREATNESS

Prepared to Make the Ultimate Sacrifice

John 15:12-14/Mark 10:35-45





The Making of Greatness

Respond to the Call

Willing to Walk in the Unfamiliar

Yield to the Season

Keep in Step with God's Timing

Stand Apart from the Crowd

Push through Adversity

Connect with the Right People

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Matt 4:18-19

Josh 3:2-3

Prov 20:4

Luke 12:54-59

Exod 33:11

Josh 1:9

1 Sam 18:1-2

Jn 15:13



Defining Greatness:

I am Called to be Exceptionally Outstanding in the Purpose Designed for Me.



Greatness from a Kingdom Perspective is **Determined by Service... NOT Status**



- Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)
 - ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.
 - ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross



Mark 10:35-45 (NKJV)

- A **Servant** (*diakonous*) a table waiter; It is one who voluntarily renders useful service to others
- A Slave (doulous) the word emphasizes serving as a slave It is one who forfeits his own rights in order to serve any & all others



The Ultimate Objective Of a Living Sacrifice is to **DIE** (to self)



• Luke 9:23 (AMP)

And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also]



• Galatians 5:24-26 (TLB)

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ have nailed their natural evil desires to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ If we are living now by the Holy Spirit's power, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. ²⁶ Then we won't need to look for honors and popularity, which lead to jealousy and hard feelings.



• John 12:23-26 (AMP)

²³ And Jesus answered them, The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified and exalted. ²⁴ I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest. ²⁵ Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no ...

John 12:23-26(AMP) cont'd



• ...regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.] ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.



Our Willingness to Die to Self as a Living Sacrifice is the Ultimate display of Love



• John 15:9-17 (TLB)

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Live within my love.

¹⁰ When you obey me you are living in my love, just as I obey my Father and live in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow! ¹² I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. ¹³ And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends;

• 14 and you are my friends if you obey me. 15 I no longer call you slaves, for a master doesn't confide in his slaves; now you are my friends, proved by the fact that I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 "You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so that no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you.

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