

Being Great By Jesus' Definition

I. Introduction:

A. The desire to be seen as great is not a new problem among mankind (**Isaiah 14:12-15**).

1. This was the king of Babylon (**Isaiah 14:4**).
2. No matter how high Babylon got to, humility was coming (**Jeremiah 51:44-49**).

B. Some want to be exalted so much that they take measures to exalt themselves (**Obadiah 1:1-4**).

1. Remember Diotrefes (**III John 1:9-11**).
2. Think about the scribes and Pharisees (**Matthew 23:1-12**).

II. Body: **Mark 10:35-45**

A. What did Jesus say in the context of washing His disciples's feet (**John 13:16**)?

1. Jesus, the Lord of lords; King of kings (**I Timothy 6:14-15**), recognized His place (**John 8:48-50**).
2. Jesus said the Father is greater than Him (**John 14:28**).

B. Let this mind be in you (**Philippians 2:3-9**).

1. Using our freedom in Christ to be servants (**Galatians 5:13**).
2. As we see Paul did for the furtherance of the Gospel (**I Corinthians 9:19-23** and **II Corinthians 4:5**).
3. Keeping our minds on Jesus as our example (**Romans 15:1-3**).

C. Think about Jesus talking about those that are least being great (**Luke 9:48**).

1. Singing "How Great I Am" to God doesn't put you on high (**Luke 18:9-14**).
2. Consider what Jesus taught about being like children (**Matthew 18:1-4**).

III. Conclusion: Understand that, by Jesus' definition, being chief among men means you are a servant (**Matthew 20:26-28** and **Luke 22:24-27**).