



Greatness

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Introduction: There are right and wrong ways to _____.

Disciples Way: sought _____ for _____

Mark 10:35-37, 41, "Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' ... When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John."

Jesus' Way: sought _____ for _____

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Truth: In God's Kingdom, greatness isn't found by _____ up but by _____ up.

Mark 10:42-44, "Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.'"

The Great Example: _____

Philippians 2:3-9, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name."

- It reveals the true _____ of our _____.
Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- It reveals the true _____ of God's _____.
Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- It reveals the true _____ of _____.
Romans 8:29a, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son..."



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Application: If we want to make much of ourselves in this life, we need to...

- o Place our _____ and _____ in Jesus' cross

Galatians 6:14, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

- o Pursue our _____ by _____ Jesus

Ephesians 5:1-2, "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Conclusion: When we pursue greatness Jesus' way, the losses will be _____ and the gains will be _____.

Mark 10:29-30, "'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.'"