

## HOW TO BE A G.R.E.A.T. SERVANT

Based on the command of Christ #34 – “Be a servant of all”

Matthew 20:17-28

17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them,

18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death

19 and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

20 Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

21 “What is it you want?” he asked.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

22 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

23 Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many

In vs. 26, the word “minister” (diakonos) here means “servant.”

In vs. 27, the “servant” (doulos) means “bond servant or bond slave”.

Deuteronomy 15:16-17

16 But if your servant says to you, "I do not want to leave you," because he loves you and your family and is well off with you,  
17 then take an awl and push it through his earlobe into the door, and he will become your servant for life. Do the same for your female servant.

## **1. G - Give up any self inspired agenda!**

There are 3 key thoughts in Matthew 20:26-27...

*1 Greatness*

*2 Service*

*3 Servant's heart*

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

## **2. R- Remain humble!**

Mark 10:44 - "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

James 4:6 - He gives great grace to the humble but He resists the proud.

## **3. E – Endure the wait for your reward!**

## **4. A- All benefit from your service!**

## **5. T - Take joy in serving!**

I Corinthians 9:19 - "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more."

II Corinthians 12:15 - "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."